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A COLLECT FOR ALL WOMEN

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—without self-pity and without prejudice. May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one. And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common woman's heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

—Mary Stuart.

For the past year this Collect has appeared every month, in some one or other of the fraternity magazines. But it is so pertinent that it bears frequent repetition, so we are glad to place it before all our readers this month.

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A STORY THAT MAY NOT BE TRUE

In the fascinating land of China, hundreds, perhaps thousands of years ago, there lived a Chinese maiden. Her name, being ancient Chinese is very hard to pronounce or to spell, but literally translated into English it means "Curiosity itself." It might be considered an appropriate name for almost any maid, and it fitted this particular one admirably. For convenience we will call her "Curia."

Of course you know that the Chinese were highly civilized at a surprisingly early date. At the time of our story the higher education for women was being vigorously agitated. From this you can judge of the extreme antiquity of the times. Curia, like the other maidens of her day, thirsted for knowledge, and yearned even more for exciting experiences. Her father was not unusually rich, but as he doted on Curia, she had no great difficulty in persuading him to send her to a progressive institution of learning. Here many aristocratic families educated their daughters. Curia had a grain of social ambition and hoped to be admitted to the most select social circles. To gain this end she employed many wiles. She was a healthy looking little maid, but she found it necessary to resort to art to make her appearance accord with what was considered most elegant. Of course, she had tiny little deformed feet and long, highly polished finger nails. She powdered her face, rouged her lips, blackened her lashes, and built her hair into a strange edifice like a pagoda. The clothes she prepared to be educated in fitly, were also a matter of great concern to her. Her completed wardrobe was magnificent. Sunset and rising moons were embroidered on the backs of her little silk jackets. Her cunning wide trousers were of the most elegant cut, and jade ornaments dangled all over her plump person, like presents on a Christmas tree. Yet with all this she did not seem to greatly impress the other maidens of high degree at the college. Indeed she was completely baffled in trying to get acquainted with them. She watched them longingly as they strolled about the campus, arms about one another, talking in confidential tones and frequently laughing gayly. She kow towed profoundly when she met them and even timidly proffered gifts, little white ivory elephants, carved fans or perhaps silken scarfs. She tried to impress them with her brilliancy too. In modern languages, such as Chaldean and Egyptian she excelled. They accepted her

help in puzzling out cuneiform tablets or hieroglyphic inscriptions, but when their difficulties were cleared up they left her.

One day she started on a walk all alone, which was a particularly desperate thing to do when you consider the size of her feet. She thought perhaps she would commit suicide, and was revolving in her mind the different ways of doing it. After much thought she decided to buy a jeweled sword and disembowel herself. As she pictured the details of the scene of her ghastly self destruction her lovely almond eyes brimmed with tears of self pity so that she could not see where she was going. Consequently she ran straight into some one coming from the opposite direction, and nearly knocked him off his feet. When she caught her breath and brushed the mist out of her eyes she found herself facing a very venerable old Chinaman, a high authority on the most abstruse subject taught in the school. He listened to her profound apologies in dignified silence, and when she had finished, said, "You are pardoned, my daughter. Before you go on, however, I should like to have a little conversation with you, as when this accident occurred I perceived something disquieting was in your mind."

Curia, overwhelmed with confusion, stammered, "Gracious sir, I was about to weep because I am lonesome and can find few to be my friends."

"Ah," remarked the wise old man pursing up his lips, "I presume then, you do not belong to a mystic order."

Curia's almond eyes grew almost round with curiosity as she enquired, "No, and what may a mystic order be?"

"The outward sign by which you can tell a member," he answered, "is a quaintly fashioned symbol worn on the jacket. It may be a kite, a key, an anchor, or strangely interwoven letters—there are many devises. What each one signifies no one but the wearers know. The members of such orders have secrets, and are bound together by mysterious vows. They are devoted to one another, so if you will join one of them, you will not be lonesome any more."

"But how can I do that?" said Curia, "these girls will have nothing to do with me."

After a little pause the old man began half to himself, "You are not quite pretty enough, and apparently not rich enough to force yourself on their attention. You may be very worthy, but one must be worthy for a long time before much recognition is accorded. You have evidently not been recommended by any of your friends and relatives. Wait, that makes me think, have you distinguished ancestors?"

"Indeed, yes," said Curia proudly, "my great grandfather waxed the emperor's mustache and was official braider of his pigtail. I had a famous great uncle too. He burnt down a house and discovered roast pig was good to eat."

"My child," the old man cried, "only spread these facts judiciously, and in a very short time you will be a member of a mystic order." With that he adjusted his spectacles and continued on his unhurried way.

Curia was not slow to take the old man's advice, so that in a short time the whole school knew about her distinguished ancestors. Sure enough, there was a marked change in the attitude of the girls. They began to make courteous advances. Curia was invited to select yellow teas at the quaint little cottages which were the headquarters and homes of the mystic orders. She watched and listened carefully, hoping to discover a secret, but not one was revealed. She thought with some justice that if she could find out what kind of a secret each group had, she could more easily decide what group she would like best to join. There was one order, however, which seemed to be made up of girls whose characteristics were much like Curia's. Their symbol was a dainty little pin the shape of which resembled our interrogation point. As Curia was especially drawn towards this order she was delighted to be asked to join, and did not hesitate in accepting. When the time for initiation came she resolved to be all attention, and to discover every secret at last. She revelled in the mystic rites of the ceremony, but when it was all over, she could remember very few secrets, and in the course of a week had forgotten them all. They were the least of her difficulties now. She was treated with extreme cordiality, even effusiveness by her own order, but there was a difference in the attitude of the outsiders. Among the less pretentious socially there were a few students she had come to know before joining the order of the question mark. These girls no longer came to see her unless she specially invited them, and then they were rather ceremonious. The members of the other orders who had been so kind to her when she was being rushed, were merely polite now in a rather uninterested way. Her time was so taken up by the demands of her chapter that she soon ceased to be troubled about those outside. Not only was a great deal of her time demanded, but her possessions were no longer her own. She would come to her room tired and ready for a good smoke only to find that her opium pipe was gone. Or perhaps she would be planning to study her Chaldean and would discover that somebody had borrowed her cuneiform dictionary. Once she met a girl on the campus wearing her favorite mandarin coat with the green dragon embroidery. After a time she became quite hardened to things of this kind. In fact she grew to feel it was an advantage to be able to choose from the wardrobe and possessions of a house instead of being restricted to the belongings of one. She wore her interrogation point emblem with as great pride as a soldier wears his decoration. It gave her a superior feeling, notwithstanding the fact that she had not gained it through any particu-

lar merit of her own. The order itself was not doing anything particular for the benefit of humanity. It did strive to be active in the undertakings of the college, but more for self glory than for the good of the institution.

When Curia graduated she had grown very fond of the other members of her group, and stepped into the cold world, shivering. In a very short time she was overwhelmed with work and worry. She became vitally interested in things—things that seemed worth while, such as nursing the sick, feeding the hungry, getting married and having babies. It was two or three years before she could join the alumnae chapter of the order of the interrogation point which was in her native town, the quaint little village of Pink Kow. The meetings seemed restful and pleasant. She met fine Chinese women through them. But after a time she grew impatient of the chapter's lack of interest in the big things for the good of the outside world. They seemed to be doing practically nothing to further the progress of the land.

At this time savage hordes to the south of China were menacing the country. Curia thought what a fine thing it would be to have a high wide wall to keep out the threatening invaders. She discussed the matter at a meeting of the question marks. The other members were enthusiastic about the idea, so the upshot of it all was Curia's going to the emperor and getting permission to build the Great Wall of China. He furnished the stones and dirt, the order of the interrogation point the labor. The result was of great practical good to the Chinese. After that nobody could join the order of the question mark unless she was willing to work hard on the wall, and vice versa, every one who would work on it could join. The secrets were all forgotten but the order gained great fame. If you do not believe the story you can go to China today and see the remains of the Great Wall built so many hundreds of years ago.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN BOSTON

Among the numerous schools and colleges supporting Boston in its reputation as a city of learning, are many devoted to vocational training, or in which vocational training may be obtained. Although few of these in themselves offer advantages which may not be approximately duplicated in other cities, a somewhat lengthy list is given below for the benefit of girls who are interested in spending a year or more in an eastern city. The most exacting course must allow its students some time for recreation, and this, in Boston, may be used for an endless succession of plays, concerts, lectures, and sight-seeing expeditions to places of historical, literary, and industrial significance.

A critic of authoritative position recently spoke of Boston as "the last stand of the artist-painter," the place for the youth to come to learn to paint. The School of the Museum of fine arts, with Messrs. Tarbell and Benson, and the Massachusetts normal art school, with Mr. De Camp, will take the future painter's first attention. Both, in addition to their work in drawing, painting, and modeling, offer opportunities for specialization in design, with courses in jewelry, metal work, and interior decorating. The normal art course includes careful training for teachers in public and private schools of all grades, from the primary through college and technical schools. Either institution has a long list of ex-pupils in important positions. Other Boston schools which the student should not neglect in sending for catalogues are: the School of fine arts, crafts, and decorative design, 126 Massachusetts avenue; the Fenway school of illustration, Fenway studios; Boston school of painting, 64 Commonwealth avenue; and Miss Amy M. Sacker's school of decorative design, 739 Boylston street. This last school offers a particularly interesting one year course in interior decorating.

The four year course in general architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of technology, which admits women students, provides the best of basic training for this profession in which an increasing number of women is becoming interested.

Perhaps no music school in the country is more widely known than the New England Conservatory of music. Here over two thousand students are preparing themselves for work as soloists or teachers. Special courses are provided for those who wish to become supervisors of music in public schools. The music student will not overlook the advantage of the almost European musical atmosphere of Boston assured by the weekly concerts of Boston Symphony orchestra (for which "rush seats" cost only twenty-five cents each) and the many concerts given by smaller groups of Symphony performers and by soloists of international reputation.

Among schools of expression, the Emerson college of oratory (Copley Square, Boston) offers a four year course for speakers and teachers of expression and physical training; while the Leland Powers school of the spoken word (The Fenway, Boston) with a two year program, provides a more highly specialized course of extremely practical character.

The would-be playwright will be interested in courses at Radcliffe college (Cambridge, Mass.) including Professor George Baker's famous English 47, the entrance requirement for which is a play written by the student and accepted by Professor Baker. In English 47 A, known as "47 Workshop," Harvard and Radcliffe students coöperate in producing original plays in Agassiz house at Radcliffe. That the women in these courses have made good use of their instruction is shown by the fact that the Harvard and Radcliffe prize

play, chosen each year and produced a week or more of the stock season at the Castle Square theater has more often been the work of a Radcliffe than of a Harvard student.

Schools of physical training include: the Posse normal school of gymnastics (779 Beacon street, Boston) offering a three year course with special reference to medical gymnastics; the Sargent school of physical education (Cambridge, Mass.) with a three year course intended primarily for normal training. An additional two months at the Sargent camp in Peterborough, New Hampshire, is required for graduation. The department of hygiene of Wellesley college (Wellesley, Mass.) also offers a most excellent course, two years in length, for the education of teachers of physical training. This, like the programs in the two schools previously mentioned, includes much theoretical work as well as gymnastics, sports, dancing, remedial gymnastics, and playground administration.

Probably there is no other educational institution in the United States with quite the same scope as that of Simmons college (The Fenway, Boston). The four year programs are intended to furnish a general education plus ability to earn a living as teacher of cookery, sewing, or other household arts; manager of a tea room, a college dormitory, or a public institution; teacher of science, research assistant in chemistry or biology; teacher of commercial subjects, secretary, registrar, office assistant, librarian, or social worker. One or two year courses are also offered to college graduates or other specially prepared persons in household economics, institutional management, secretarial studies, library science, and social work. The School for social workers has been carried on since its foundation in 1904 by Simmons and Harvard in cooperation, but is now to be maintained by the former exclusively. Its program includes—in addition to courses at Simmons in languages, sciences, history, and education—instruction on specific problems of social work, with practice work in settlements.

In courses for teachers of industrial needle arts, and of salesmanship, Simmons cooperates with the *Women's educational and industrial Union (264 Boylston street, Boston). The one year program for trade school teachers covers class work at Simmons in sewing, millinery, textiles, elements of design, principles of teaching, and study of industrial education, as well as practice in the workshops of the Union, practice teaching in trade schools or classes, and observation and practice in outside shops representing trades employing girls. The one year program for education directors in department

*The Women's educational and industrial union is a many sided organization, maintaining appointment bureau, research department (with fellowships), educational departments, restaurants, shops, library, children's players, and other interesting features. A recent undertaking is a course for the training of vocational advisers. A circular with information about all departments will be sent on application.

stores and teachers of salesmanship in high and continuation schools includes class work at Simmons in education, applied psychology, textiles, and welfare work, with observation and practice teaching in the Union school of salesmanship, actual selling in department stores, and substitute teaching in stores and continuation schools. The pupils of the Union school are drawn from the selling staffs of Boston department stores.

In listing these schools and colleges the address has in every case been given—where any other than merely "Boston, Mass." is needed—so that girls who are interested may send for catalogues, with information as to length of courses, special courses, tuition, scholarships, and arrangements as to rooms and board. The Boston alumnae chapter includes in its membership students in several institutions, through whom the secretary will be glad to secure specific, personal information for Thetas or their friends in other parts of the country.

Jessie Eastham, Boston alumnae.

A PANHELLENIC STUDY

1915-16

(We regret the absence from this study of data from 15 colleges where we have chapters—absence of data is due to failure of 15 Chapter editors to send copy as requested in the Bimonthly Supplement for October, 1915.)

<i>College</i>	<i>Time of rushing and pledging</i>	<i>Initiation restrictions</i>
Adelphi	8 weeks rush, 2 parties	One semester's credit earned
Allegheny	6 weeks rush, written bids	One semester's credit earned
Cincinnati	2nd semester, written bids	Passed with C average $\frac{2}{3}$ of 1st semester's work and reregistered for at least 12 hours
Cornell	4 weeks rush, after 3 weeks no rushing, written bids
De Pauw	5 days rush	No rule, but Alpha requires one semester's credit earned
Goucher	$3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks rush after 4 weeks of no rushing, written bids	One semester's credit earned
Indiana	After 8 A. M. on matricula- tion day	15 hours' credit earned
Michigan	10 days rush, only 4 dates with one rushee, written bids	18 honor points won in one semester

Minnesota	3 weeks rush, written bids	Upperclassmen in 6 weeks, if above grade in every subject; freshmen after one semester's work <i>all</i> passed
Missouri	2nd Saturday after matriculation	One semester's work <i>all</i> passed
Montana	2nd semester—2 parties
Nebraska	3 days after matriculation, and after mid-semester reports and last of June. <i>No</i> pledging except on these dates, written bids	12 hours' credit earned and registered for at least 12 hours in a 2nd semester
Newcomb	Matriculation day of sophomore year	Sophomore rank in college
North Dakota ...	2nd week of sophomore year	Sophomore rank in college
Oklahoma	One week rush	12 hours' credit with a B average
Oregon	1st Saturday after matriculation, written bids	9 hours' credit
Pittsburgh	2nd semester	One semester's credit
Swarthmore	1st Saturday after matriculation
Vermont	2nd Saturday after mid-years, <i>no rushing</i> , written bids	10 hours' credit earned
Washburn	6 weeks rush after 1 week of no rushing, written bids	14 hours' credit earned
Washington	2 weeks rush	One semester's credit with average of C
(St. Louis)		Passing grade in all subjects for one semester and at least C average in 12 hours of it
Washington	Matriculation day	Sophomore rank in college
(Seattle)		
Wisconsin	First week of college	

Note that at only 3 colleges represented in the table are there no specific scholarship attainments set as a prerequisite to initiation. This is a most encouraging demonstration of the work for better scholarship and a more permanent chapter membership.

Interesting figures as to expense of the rush follow: At Cornell Panhellenic sets \$40.00 as the limit to be spent by any chapter; at Minnesota \$75.00 and Panhellenic must audit the rushing expenses of every chapter before invitations to membership are mailed; at Swarthmore \$1.00 per member is the limit of cost for the one big party of rushing season; at Goucher \$50.00; at Cincinnati \$50.00; at Adelphi, not over \$2.00 per head for the one big party allowed; at Washburn, \$75.00.

While setting no definite figures, the Panhellenic at Nebraska restrict chapters as to elaborateness of menus, number of musicians,

etc. and at Missouri flowers, autos, etc. are forbidden, while expenses were further lowered this year by the use of a uniform dance card in every house.

A few interesting figures of the cost of the rush to our chapters, in colleges where no limit on expense. Alpha spent a little under \$60.00 for a one week's rush; Psi, for a rush of equal length spent \$114.47; and Alpha Omicron, for a seven day period, spent \$25.00; while Alpha Lambda, doomed by matriculation pledge day to summer rushing, etc. spent \$110.00.

A number of college Panhellenics are interested in some college activity. At DePauw they are working for the appointment of a university nurse. At Missouri each year they give a carnival, or similar affair, for some cause, this year it was a joint affair with the Inter-fraternity conference for the Armenian relief. At Oregon Panhellenic maintains a loan fund for use of any woman student at the college. At Nebraska Panhellenic awards medals to the junior, sophomore, and freshman woman student with the highest average for the college year. At Newcomb, Panhellenic established and supported, until it became self-supporting, a lunch room in one of New Orleans' factories. At Cincinnati Panhellenic owns a scholarship cup that is yearly entrusted to the chapter with the highest average.

Only at one college, Swarthmore, has Panhellenic had the courage to declare fraternity an open question, a course which generally followed would do away with a great deal of friction, for it is humanely impossible always to avoid that subject with freshmen. This interesting resolution is also from Swarthmore Panhellenic rules: "We do not consider it an honor to win a girl through monopoly." Other Panhellenics prevent monopoly by dividing the day into periods and not permitting any chapter to have two consecutive dates with any one rushee. At Cornell, two days in the week, Tuesday and Thursday, are free from any rushing, the idea being to give every one at least two days for uninterrupted study. The long rushing period at Montana is kept from being strenuous by a rule which prohibits entertaining freshmen more than once in two weeks.

The best definition of rushing perhaps is this from Cincinnati, where invitations are not sent out until the second semester. "Rushing is premeditated cultivation of friendship between freshmen and fraternity members."

RUSHING

That expensive and public rushing is nothing more than flaunting ourselves in hostile eyes is hard to believe. Big parties, promiscuous auto riding, endless treating, in fact all public displays simply invite criticism, sarcasm, and hard feeling. If all entertaining could be made more *natural*, a great forward step would have been made.

I would like to see a definite limit set to rushing expenses. It isn't how many parties or how much they cost but how cordial the girls are, how worth while, and how sincere, that counts in the end. The girls who are gained by big, outward show are the girls we don't want. The simpler the "stunts" the more time for forming of friendships and the smaller the amount spent the more chance for ingenuity. For instance, a big, formal party is poor policy as well as expensive and foolish. No one really has a *good* time. The rushee is a stranger in a strange land, afraid that her dress isn't as up-to-date as "Miss Pinky" or that her style of dancing is not the same as danced in the college town, and then she knows practically no men. The men grumble at taking girls that they don't know and can't dance or talk another sorority, while the poor hostesses are distracted trying to see that each rushee is properly cared for each dance or that Mr. So and So gets to talk to "Miss Desirable" and make a *good* impression. A great sigh goes up after it is all over, the rushees are no better acquainted with you or you with them, but you felt you had to do it because it was the usual thing to give a formal dance. So viewed from all sides a big dance is a failure, an obsolete custom, a big expenditure of money and time without value received. And what is true of the dance is also true of all big, expensive parties.

The object of all rushing is to get acquainted—new girls to meet the ones in college and vice versa. This can be accomplished best by small, simple entertainments, by using clever and original methods rather than by extravagant, senseless chases over the streets in hired autos and parties in public halls or cafés. If "no one else does it" let us establish it ourselves, and make others follow our lead. Let the watch words of our next rushing season be—"Cleverness, Originality, Simplicity, and Cheapness."

Elizabeth Phillips, St. Louis Alumnae.

HEALTH AND EFFICIENCY

It seems as if there can not be a single girl today in the fraternity who has not a properly made out, businesslike schedule hanging above her desk or pasted into the front of the every day note book.

When the hours of one's days have been marshaled into a definite, orderly program written out in black and white, one feels that the decks are cleared for action and the battle half won. Of course part of the unscheduled time belongs to exercise in the gym and elsewhere and the majority of college girls know the joy of following the call of the great out doors but there are a few who need to do laboratory work along this line to realize that in no other way can they spend these unscheduled hours to better advantage.

When the girls today ask for stories of the active chapter of twenty years ago many of the most clear cut pictures recalled are of tramps across country to the shore of the lake, some times for a week-end at a cottage, or just for the afternoon and tramp home through the moonlight after the camp fire supper. Only she who has the living germ of the backwoodsman deep in her being will understand the soul satisfying joy to be had from a long tramp through clean, cold sunshine and a lunch eaten around a fire built on the lee of a boat house hung with icicles from the splash and spray of the waves. The color and beauty of the woods in winter is quite as wonderful as in summer, so that with skating, tobogganing and tramping all calling from the open there is no shred of excuse for turning a deaf ear to that call through any part of the year. The point is to get the out-of-door habit so fixed that, to the last day of life, nothing can break it. And when this is done the next generation will show the good effect quite as much as the present. Our intellectual and spiritual being need not be expected to live and breathe fully and deeply when fettered to a physical half that is being cheated and starved into inefficiency through lack of a chance to develop.

C. A. L. Iota.

ARE WE GREEKS?

Greeks we call ourselves. Do we know what we claim to be? Dickinson says, "from Athens, that bright and stately city of romance, comes across the centuries the sanest and most inspiring of all secular influences into our life." Can we in a word, picture that influence?

In the first place, there was the golden mean, the motto over the Delphic Oracle, "Nothing in excess," standing for that perfect interplay of soul and body which no other age has witnessed. Second, there was that which in the ideal Athenian days took the place of a later sense of duty, namely, the desire to make the most of oneself, to feel that one's highest joy was to know that he had reached his ideal. Third, their friendships were fine. Achilles and Patroclus, Harmodius and Aristogeiton, Epaminondas and Pelopidas stand for

the highest achievements. Each assisted the other in developing his highest abilities. So they felt the joy of living. Their senses were alert for the beauty which they saw in sky, "violet-crowned Acropolis" and the "beautiful and good" Greeks about them.

Thucydides said, "The Athenians succeeded beyond the rest of the Greeks because they threw themselves without reserve into whatever they resolved to do." May not we as Thetas find inspiration in the Greek poise, the idea of the fullest realization of one's self, their fine friendships, and the earnestness with which they pursued their ideals?

BOOKS FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY

Last year the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter made a study of the relation of Greek culture and mythology to modern fraternity life. That our college chapters may come closer to such beautiful ideals and become familiar with the culture of the ancients, this list of books is suggested, not only for deposit in chapter libraries but for thoughtful reading by chapter members.

I. For knowledge of the everyday life of the Greeks

Davis, William Stearns. *A Day in Old Athens*, Bost. Allyn and Bacon, 1914. \$1.25.

Mahaffy, John Pentland. *Social Life in Greece from Homer to Meander*. N. Y. Macmillan, 1894. \$2.50, net.

Tucker, Thomas George. *Life in Ancient Athens*, the social and public life of a classical Athenian from day to day. N. Y. Macmillan, 1906. \$1.25, net.

II. Mainly narrative

Bulfinch, Thomas. *Age of Fable*; edited by J. L. Scott. N. Y. McKay, 1898. \$1.25.

"If no other knowledge deserves to be called useful but that which helps to enlarge our possessions or to raise our station in society, then mythology has no claim to usefulness. But if that which tends to make us happier and better can be called useful, a knowledge of mythology is useful, for it is the handmaid of literature, and literature is one of the best allies of virtue and promoters of happiness."

Collignon, Maxime. *Manual of Mythology in Relation to Greek Art*. Phil. Lippincott, 1890. \$2.00, net.

Contains bibliography, very suggestive as to significance of Greek names.

Dwight, Mary Ann. *Grecian and Roman Mythology*. Bost. American Book Co. 1882. \$.90, net.

Fairbanks. *Mythology of Greece and Rome*. N. Y. Appleton, 1907. \$1.50, net.

"A valuable supplement to Gayley's Classic myths."

Gayley, Charles Mills, editor. *Classic Myths in English Literature*, based chiefly on Bulfinch's *Age of Fable*. Boston, Ginn, 1898. \$2.00, net.

"A cyclopedia of classical mythology, prefaced by a concise statement of the question of origin and distribution involved in the study of myths, with a review of various explanations. . . . Has excellent index." Carnegie library of Pittsburgh.

Guerber, Hélène Marie Adeline. *Myths of Greece and Rome*. Bost. American Book Co., 1893. \$1.00, net.

"Relates myths in popular style, bringing out information on literature and art by quotation, references, and pictures." Carnegie library of Pittsburgh.

Murray, A. S. *Manual of Mythology*. N. Y. Scribners, 1892. \$1.25.

Philios, Demetrios. *Eleusis, Her Mysteries, Ruins and Museums*; translated by Hamilton Gatliff. N. Y. Appleton, 1906. \$1.25, net.

"Interesting and quite detailed description of many of the rites. Suggestive.

III. Critical and interpretative

Harrison. *Prolegomena to the Study of Greek Religion*. Cambridge, University press, 1903. \$5.00, net (N. Y. Putnam).

Higginson, Thomas Wentworth. *Atlantic essays*, 1894. *Greek Goddesses*.

Also critical and interpretative notes in books cited under II.

Mary Boss, Marian Sackett, Anna Slease,
Committee.

SENIORS HARKEN!

To the hundred or more members of Kappa Alpha Theta who will soon graduate I want to say a few words about the ideal of service which seems to me to be embodied in our spiritual code.

All of you are of course very eager for what the next few years may have in store for you. Whether you are planning to teach, to do library work, to enter other of the innumerable fields of work now open to women, or to be married, your minds are full of thoughts for the congenial surroundings, the chances of advancement, the good times which you hope to find. Unless, after all these years of absorbing information, of forming ideals, of acquiring technical training, unless you are equally eager for the opportunity soon yours to give of yourself as well as to get for yourself, I believe you have missed the spiritual training which your fraternity life might have given you.

There certainly is not one of you who does not dream of making good at the work you undertake, of giving your limit of time, energy and interest to the job for which you are paid. But this form of service is a matter of pride, of policy. I am trying to formulate for you an ideal of service which is altogether spiritual, the ideal of service which alone will always help you over the hard bumps in the road before you, always lift you above the petty details with which all of you will be surprised to find your days made of. To me it is the meaning back of the words:

"Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing"; to me this means that no matter how well we have done our day's work unless we have worked for the love of doing and giving, our labor has had no spiritual significance. It means that besides doing our level best to make good, besides putting time, skill and strength, we must also put love into our work. None of us may hope for days filled with things we love to do, but whether it be the endless marking of papers, the endless filing of cards, or the endless planning of meals and endless footsteps after little children that makes up our daily routine, we can be inspired by the love of work, of service for service's sake, losing sight of the task in hand and of the reward to be gained in our fervor to give of ourselves.

Of course I do not preach that you must ignore all thought of recompense for good work. "Just as each of us is justified in expecting some reward in the Hereafter if his life is one of consecration and service," so we may anticipate the fruit of our toil here. At the same time no one builds his hope of Heaven upon a calculating sense of tangible returns for being good. Heaven is the ultimate compensation for the spirit in which we have lived. Those of you who worked hardest for the fraternity were not inspired because of the axiom that you would get out of the fraternity only what you put into it; you were exalted by the satisfaction of serving other interests than your own. Carry this same exaltation to your work and your fraternity experience will have been of incalculable spiritual worth.

I am not defining for you something beautiful but ephemeral. It is a doctrine that is being preached in the business and industrial world. Miss Tarbell's articles in *The American Magazine* on *The golden rule in business* are illuminating of this idea. She describes how manufacturers who have undertaken welfare projects, sanitation and safety campaigns because they found they paid in dollars and cents have been lifted from the realm of mere profit and production by finding themselves "savers of life and suffering and their industry an important link in the chain of a human institution which ministers to men." It is this consciousness of serving which adds

to the tremendous enthusiasm for employees' welfare, safety and sanitation projects and makes of the Golden Rule a Gospel for industry.

Probably few of you know of the International organization of Rotary clubs among business men. Local clubs consist of one representative from each profession and line of business. They were first formed purely for the exchange of business with the idea "Boost me and I will boost you." This material aim, however, has grown into the philosophy expressed by their motto "He profits most who serves best." At their recent International convention their ideal of service was defined as "that service uncontaminated by a calculation of reward—for the sake of helping the other fellow to get business and for the benefit of the community."

With this spirit flowering in ways that have been so barren of sentiment surely every girl who has subscribed to the creed of Kappa Alpha Theta should go forth with her lamp of service lighted. When we say "the greatest of all these is love" what else do we mean but service, and service is measured not by what it gets but by what it gives.

Ruth Goe Welton

A FIRESIDE CHAT

There has been so much written and said on the *raison d'être* of fraternities. We all devour arguments pro and con to be equipped to withstand, at any time, an attack against our beloved organizations. We have been in the ranks and worked for our fraternity and have loved it, perhaps long.

And perhaps because we are on the inside and so happy that we do not look out very often, we have forgotten just how the outside of our home appears to strangers, especially to those excited, fascinating creatures called freshmen.

They can see the outside of our home, our flowers and our hospitable porches; the flowers we lavish upon them and to the hospitable porches we invite them for tea and cakes. But of our hearth-fire, they may only guess, and of the wholesome fare Mother Theta has raised us on they cannot know.

So one day when an old Insider heard the most recent Insiders comparing notes, she joined them for an outsider's glimpse again.

It was a group of eight or ten freshmen and sophomores, sitting in a close and intimate circle and chatting animatedly, that opened to admit the old Insider.

"What is all the discussion about?" she inquired.

"We were telling each other what we thought of fraternities while we were outside and what we have found them to be."

"Had you many ideas in common?" the old Insider asked, just to start the talk again.

One slender, new Insider leaned forward. "You all seemed so congenial, I wished many a time that I might have followed you into the Theta house." There was a unanimous bobbing of heads to this.

"Yes," a winsome, dark-haired girl added thoughtfully, "it was the comradeship and congeniality which attracted us but we none of us thought then of the ideals necessary for this spirit."

"Fraternalities meant mystery to me," put in another little Insider, shuddering in memory and then continuing in a gruesome voice: "Obscurity, and hidden grips, and mysterious whistles, and secret pins, and awful penalties. They meant friendship too and I had visions of sisters covering the globe and ready to be mysterious and loving with anyone wearing their emblem."

"What do you think of the mystery now?" the old Insider questioned after the general laugh.

"I look back with wonder at my blind stupidity," the mysterious one answered. "There isn't any mystery at all, but the friendship, that is different. Indeed it seems to be the desire of all to be a unanimous whole and it's the ideals that create the incentive."

Suddenly a rosy-cheeked little lass burst forth, "If only there were enough fraternities so that every girl could be in one! It makes me feel sorry to think of all that are outside. If only the outsiders would start new fraternities! But if the few fraternities we have here tried to take in every one we would lose the close friendship and the intimate feeling of responsibility our smaller groups give us. I like the way the fraternities take part in all the college activities and support its different organizations, and I realized even before I was inside that to be a true Theta meant to be loyal to one's college."

"The point is," interrupted another girl, who hesitated a moment upon finding herself attracting the attention of every one, "you are no longer responsible to yourself only for your successes or failures. They affect the standing of your chapter and fraternity. Just realizing that you are surrounded by girls that are really interested and have faith in you, awakens you to ambitions and confidence never dared before. I know, for I was an outsider last year."

"There seemed to be such a wide assurance of sympathy and understanding among the Thetas," remarked a decided, bright-eyed Insider. It seemed strange and unusual to an outsider but once inside we have found the source to be the striving together of all toward the highest ideals of womanhood."

"It always comes back to the wholesome, healthful ideals Mother Theta has raised us on and we Insiders forget that the Outsiders

do not know about them," the old Insider said, and then, turning to one bright-faced girl near her, asked, "How do you agree with these opinions from the inside outside and the outside inside?"

"Well, I'll tell you. While I was outside I was really discontented for I was uninterested in my work and my life here. To me the initiation was one of the most wonderful things that has ever happened, and then the friendship. It seems that there is always someone to understand. I can't exactly express what I mean but it about amounts to this: when you are happy there is some one always ready to be happy with you, and when you are blue there is another some one whose chief pleasure seems to be to sympathize just enough with your blueness and then—cheer you up. Belonging to Theta has changed my whole attitude toward the University and my life here."

"From what we have been saying," summed up the little Insider who had spoken first, "it seems as though most of us had thought of fraternities as merely social clubs. For myself I know how glad I was to find that they stood for something bigger than that, and now fraternity life means much more to me than I ever thought or considered possible."

Theta has meant more to most of us than we thought possible but it might be a good plan, following the suggestions of these new Insiders, to "turn the fur side inside, to get the skin side outside," so that to outsiders fraternities would appear less like social clubs nourished on mystery, and instead the real benefits of fraternity associations would be apparent.

THE CHAPTER AND THE COLLEGE

Did it ever occur to you that the chapter owed the college anything? And have you ever stopped to take an account of just what the chapter is paying for all the services it is receiving? No, I fear that these are questions quickly swept by. We are happy in our chapter life, we enjoy each other and our good times together with privileges and pleasures of our national relationship. Each year the college brings us new girls, we choose the best from the number as our natural due without any serious deliberations concerning the debt we owe.

Without the college there could be no fraternity, it is the whole frame-work upon which we build, and surely we should use our efforts to make this foundation of the strongest material constructed in the most efficient manner.

There are so many things in college activities that are neglected simply because there is no one to take the lead, and it is along this line that the chapter could take a stand that would soon prove elevating to the college as a whole. Outside of the highest scholarship,

which is always our aim, it would be of the greatest advantage to be careful about such small things as cutting classes, which though small as it may seem tends toward a general loss of interest in class work and class standards. "Non-cutting" is a part of the attitude that a chapter should maintain towards the college.

Another thing is to assist in making classes more interesting by putting your whole selves into the subject, so that the classes may profit by the work of the students. To center thought and interest about the work that is being done in college, not to be a grind but to really and truly have the college work at heart and make it a vital part of you and not a daily drudgery.

Along coöperation with the professors in the classroom comes another step that the girls in the chapter can easily take in assisting the growth of college atmosphere, and that is getting in closer contact with the faculty. You can't realize of how much benefit it will be to the girls themselves to have the friendship of such truly worthwhile people.

The last task is that of keeping the students all working together in peace and harmony. In this the chapter may stand for the greatest democracy in college life. Members may do their best to help everyone to enjoy college as much and to be as willing to work for its interests as the girls in the chapter.

If every single girl in the chapter will start taking into account the little things that go to make up a good college atmosphere, I am sure they can go a long way toward paying their debt to the college and in addition, at last capture that evasive college spirit.

Virginia A. Snider

CABBAGES

To those of us who love to think of our Theta garden bright with pansies, a toast on "cabbages" seems decidedly out of place. Yet, in a symbolic sense, these oft-derided members of the vegetable family can afford us more substantial food for thought than even our beautiful and loved emblem of the flower kingdom.

I shall ask you to consider the significance of the cabbage with me under two distinct and separate meanings. First, as my excuse for being allowed the serious-minded version of an earnest alumna, I shall offer the interpretation presented to me by the toast-mistress, when she described what she wanted me to do. "Cabbages," she said, "represent the unpleasant things sometimes thrown at young actors from the audience." Speaking for the interested audience of alumnae, I shall hurl a few cabbages in the form of advice, at the college chapters who now occupy the center of the Theta stage. Most people dislike advice as truly as a great many profess a distaste for

cabbage, yet in reasonable amounts, and properly prepared, it is not only healthful but palatable. The criticism and advice which I have to offer has simmered long in Theta love and is well seasoned with a sympathetic understanding of the difficulties of attaining perfection.

There is probably a touch of conceit in our cabbage throwing, such as was indicated by the reception given a new teacher in the Catalina Island school I once attended. Nothing was known of her, or her ability, but the pupils resented the idea of anyone taking the place of the loved teacher, whose years of service had won even the toughest of the Mexican children to her loyal support. Her health had failed and so a new teacher was sent from the mainland, and on the first day she was dismayed to find her schoolroom bombarded with decayed vegetables from an adjoining dump. Our case is different, of course, for while we who have seen Theta brought to her high state by the loving service of those who are now alumnae, resent indifference to their standards and traditions, and sometimes tremble at the thought of "our freshmen" in power, still we have had our opportunity to know those who are active members today and we realize the ability they have to carry our work still higher. Thus, if we do throw cabbages, they are very fresh and wholesome ones.

What, then, is the lesson of these sweet, young cabbages? Very simple, possibly obvious are the little hints to follow, yet they may prove helpful in the common struggle we are all making toward efficiency. While it is pleasant to linger among the beauties of the flower garden, life cannot progress without some attention to necessities, and so I ask the college chapter, "Is your back-yard in order? Are your kitchen gardens well kept? Do you pay as much heed as you ought to the little common everyday duties?" This is the critical day for fraternities, and it is only the house which trains its members to thoughtfulness and care in the commonplaces which has a right to exist. Noblest womanhood is developed far more effectually through house rules requiring tidiness in the rooms and economy of electric lights than through efficiency in planning receptions.

We find ourselves justly indignant over the ignorant assumptions made by anti-fraternity writers, yet in our cooler moments we cannot but admit that there is a disgrace in the careless indifference which permits a girl to leave college far less particular about the little details of home-making than when she entered. The cleaning of the stove and pantry shelves are the irksome tasks of housekeeping, yet in this care lies the basis of pure food. So it is with our fraternity homes. We must have orderly, clean surroundings before we can expect to send out helpful, clear-brained women into the world.

The cabbage idea also points to a lesson on the outside, and that is the need for more general friendliness. A fraternity should count its efforts lost if it does not develop in every freshman a broader

conception of college loyalty and sympathy with those who are less fortunate socially. In these days when the world is ever ready to seize an opportunity to apply its favorite criticism of snobbishness we cannot afford to hold ourselves above anyone. We who live under the kite share an invaluable blessing of friendship, and it is only as this enables us to look beyond our own doors and into the lives of others that we prove ourselves worthy of our privilege. It is not by repeating this purpose in our preamble at meetings, but by choosing seats beside so-called "outsiders" in classes, and by calling on lonely freshmen after "rushing season" is over, that we can prove that we really mean it.

Those of us who have not left college very far behind realize what an abnormally strenuous four years that life means to a fraternity girl, and we alumnæ cannot be too critical of you of the college chapter. It is hard, we know, to care for the pansy bed well, and try to have time for the outside interests. However, if you only realize it, there are always loving alumnæ near to lend their hearts and hands. They have learned the parts before you, and if their advice were sought and heeded, they could be more helpful behind the scenes than here in the audience throwing cabbages.

Carol Green Wilson

WHERE THE DILATORY WON

This seems a late date to be harking back to the *Convention Daily*. But the fact is,—well, we want to explain a complicated matter, and we don't know where to begin. It seems, though, that some who subscribed for the *Kite* failed to receive the complete series, and not long ago we heard from a group of Thetas who had had that experience. The reason is mostly this: our convention executive committee asked that subscriptions be sent in by a certain date. We had no means of knowing how many subscriptions there'd be, but we counted on at least five hundred, and the printer made his estimates on that basis. By the stated date we had received some two hundred names, but this included few delegates, so we thought there'd be at least four hundred papers needed. Up to the day of convention's opening, however, names continued to come in, and when the first issue went to press, which was before the convention train arrived at Gearhart, we ordered five hundred and fifty copies, just to make sure.

Well, on Monday morning every single paper of that five hundred and fifty was needed; and delegates and visitors wanted extra copies to send home. Then they began handing us quarters and saying "Please send the *Daily* to so and so." We explained that the first issue was exhausted, but nevertheless scores of names were given us. For the second issue we ordered six hundred and fifty papers. For the other

issues seven hundred were printed. And we could have continued taking subscriptions to the very end, but that we knew the foregoing issues could not be supplied. We were swamped!

After everything was over and all expenses paid, there was still some twenty-five dollars or thereabout in the exchequer. This amount was turned into the fund wherewith Portland alumnae chapter is assisting a very talented Theta to receive a musical education. And then later we heard that some who had been early to subscribe were among those who received but two copies of the *Kite*. We are shocked at that printer, but this is what he must have done: Begun at the wrong end of the mailing list and mailed papers to the last subscribers first! Now what could the poor committee do? We'll send your quarters back even yet if you say so, but really, they're doing lots of good where they're being used.

Estelle Riddle Dodge, President District IX

THE SIDE-HILL GOUGER

In the hilly lumber districts of Nova Scotia, the lumberjacks often find relief from their strenuous and rough work in practical jokes and stories. There is one favorite story current which the "boys" enjoy telling to "green" men for their own amusement and the initiate's humiliation. It serves very well as a part of the hazing period which every newcomer must go through until he has become accustomed to his new life.

And this is the way the story begins: "Did-je ever hear tell of the Side-hill Gouger, Redy? Ye didn't? Didn't-je ever hear a sort a' howlin' like ye'd never heard b'fore, a sound like it come from the top o' the throat o' some critter? Well no, most likely ye never have yet. But ye will, und ye'll know it's a Side-hill Gouger. It's a queer critter, this Redy; und ye want to git out o' the way quick if ye hear or see one of 'im, fer they like man-flesh better'n anything else ta fill thur greedy stomachs. He's a odd name ye think? Well he has, too, but ye see he's lived up in this hilly country fer a long time, und got into a sort a habit a running along hills. Ye see, all Gougiers, from the time a the ark, have lived und run on the side a hills until the legs on one side have got short, und now they kin only run on the side a the hills und nowhere else. Ye're right there, Redy! If ye want a git rid a one, ye got a' run on the level, fer thur durn disagreeable critters ter meet, I kin tell ye that."

They say that, as a matter of fact, there are no Side-hill Gougiers in Nova Scotia, as anyone excepting strangers would know; for in the district of which I speak there are no level places of any extent. There is no reason therefore why one animal should be lopsided any

more than another. But it seems that there is in this little tale much common sense which comes home to many of us, so I must point my moral and spoil the joke.

I believe in Side-hill Gougers, for I have met them, and, like the werewolf, find the possibility of one in myself. It seems to me that there is a great tendency, especially among college students, to become, mentally, like these strange creatures. We live in a little world of our own, forgetting what is going on around us; and then, when we leave that little world to go into a larger one, we are told that our ideas aren't practical because they're one-sided. We who are worldly-wise in our own opinion and would teach much to our fellows whose advantages are more limited, are inclined to forget that these others have had experience of which we know nothing. If we realize this, then the ideals and activities of fraternity life can help to show us how not to be these one-sided, mental monstrosities. We have a special bond of sisterhood which brings us into sympathy with the feelings and ideas of others. We have a chance for that personal service which fosters unselfishness; and selfishness is one of the main qualities of a human Side-hill Gouger. But, on the other hand, we are accused of being selfish and thoughtless outside of our little group, of confining ourselves to being members of a still smaller world of our own, of forgetting thus what is going on around us because we are happy in ourselves. This attitude most certainly cannot develop one evenly. Our mental legs, under such conditions, could only grow on one side and become cramped on the other. We would be running on only one side of a hill. Are we going to be the best that our fraternity can help us to be, or are we going to be Side-hill Gougers? We can be either.

Katherine Wood Simons, Alpha Beta

LOOKING BACKWARD

The editorial file of KAPPA ALPHA THETA has recently been completed by the generosity of Mu chapter. For a long time it was problematic as to whether or no volume 4 ever had a number 2. Then some one discovered a copy of this number in an old bound file belonging to Lambda. And now, Mu has discovered a second copy and kindly given it to complete our official file.

This issue of April, 1890, contains only 36 pages, 5 of which are devoted to advertisements, but it has a most elaborate cover, the design having been made, we are told editorially, by a professor of architecture at the University of Minnesota, for it was on Upsilon's shoulders that the mantle of editor had but recently come from Kappa. The name in unique lettering, inter-twined with a ribbon, and a great bunch of pansies surrounding a more than life-size badge is as near as we can describe it.

It seems a far call from that issue to this, but they do have something in common, notably chapter letters and the editorial wail as to the sameness in these letters. Then both treat of the pledging question, but with this difference, in 1890 it was waxing eloquent over the advantages of pledging preparatory school students, a question the present generation of undergraduates has never heard of, we suspect; indeed it was a dead issue even before the present Editor became a Theta.

A toast that would trace the significance of the pansy from a Saraceen legend, is the leading article; a toast, by the way, delivered at a Panhellenic banquet, and we had thought that Panhellenic was a modern invention. "The mission of doubt" then keeps up the literary standard by references to the classics and a cascade of adjectives that would be termed "flowery" at the least today; but we must remember that 1890 was before it was the fashion to keep sentiment out of writing. In those days we were "a ladies' fraternity."

Altogether the editor has found this old issue of great interest, especially as she finds among the initiates mentioned in one chapter letter the alumna she most admired while an undergraduate, and among chapter secretaries at least three very active workers for Theta nationally whom it has been her privilege to know. Twenty-five years from now, will the directory of this issue contain as many names significant in the history of the fraternity nationally?

And we heartily echo this from our honored predecessor in the rôle of Editor:

"We would like all to understand that it is no little thing to try to please all readers, and for this reason all suggestions are *very* thankfully received. We desire to know your opinions that we have due regard for them, that all our readers, if possible, may be satisfied and pleased with the Journal."

THE KITE

One of the most treasured activities of Beta is the publication of *The Kite*. The book is the seniors' last gift to the chapter, and every copy is most precious to us.

Some time through the year every active member is expected to write an article of five hundred words, and hand it to the seniors. Expected to,—yes, more than expected to,—in fact, if she does not do so, she must hand over a fine of five dollars, to those same seniors. The subject matter of each is kept secret. The piece may be humorous or serious, prose or poetry, though most of them tend toward the humorous, and many are at least jingles. For instance, last year there were several character sketches of all the girls; there was one clever prophecy; there was one history of the year in rhyme. One

girl haunted the telephone all of one day, in order to write up a ridiculous account of the conversations as heard from one end of the line. Throughout the book are suitable cartoons. Toward the end of the year the tardy girls go around with vacant expressions or valiantly thoughtful ones, as they desperately search for a good idea or subject.

During the last two weeks, the seniors gather together the material, go over it, select some, and then settle down to hard work. Every chosen article is copied by hand, while the rest of us stand around and wonder whose articles were accepted. Finally the sheets, together with the cartoons are bound into a cover of leather or suede, and the book is finished.

The last Sunday of the year we call "Kite Day." That day we hold the last fraternity meeting. The town girls all come out to the house for dinner and stay the rest of the day. And in the afternoon *The Kite* is formally read aloud by the seniors. All day, pictures, large and decorous, or small and ridiculous, are taken, to be pasted into the book as soon as they are finished. And, finally, when the day is over, the leaving president hands over her gavel and book to the new president, and one of our most delightful customs of the year adds another volume to our history shelf, the mecca of every returning alumna.

Mildred L. Hatch, Beta

WHO'S WHO IN THETA

ANNIE ADAMS BAIRD, *Nu*

Hanover 1882-83. A.B. Washburn 1886

There cannot be better proof that no chapter lives in vain, than the fact that an extinct chapter has given to Theta a woman so well worth while as Annie Adams Baird. Both her work and her character entitle her to a place in our Who's who.

Born of a family deeply interested in all forms of religious work, it was natural that Mrs. Baird should turn along these lines for her life work. Soon after leaving college she became secretary of the Young Women's Christian association in Topeka, Kansas, and later was Traveling secretary for that organization in the state. Then she married and went with her husband as a missionary to Korea and for twenty-five years her life has been given up to the people of that country. A part of that time she and her husband have been doing itinerant work and a part of the time have been interested in a mission school at Pyng Yang.

Mrs. Baird has published two books, *Daybreak in Korea* and *Obstacles in missionary life*, and has translated a number of English

works into Korean. Among those translations are a text-book on physiology, another on natural history, and numerous hymns.

But perhaps her most interesting work in translation has been done for the children. The Koreans have left entirely out of their literature all of the tiny verses and nursery rhymes which are such a delight to little folks. Mrs. Baird has supplied this lack somewhat by translating into Korean our own Mother Goose tales and many childrens' songs and verse.

Just within the past few weeks she has gone home to Pyng Yang after spending several months in this country with her sons, who are in school here, and other members of her family. It is interesting to note that six Theta nieces comprise a part of this family. In all probability Mrs. Baird will never be able to come back again but she has left behind her a sense of her brave heart and personal charm and a feeling that she has made life very full and rich for herself and for others.

MARY ELIZA FAWCETT, *Delta*

A.B. Ohio '07. A.M. Illinois '09

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Fawcett this year has been appointed Dean of women at the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis, Oregon. Illinois, and especially Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, felt a great loss when Mrs. Fawcett gave up her position as acting Dean of women at Illinois and left Champaign three years ago.

The girls at Oregon agricultural college are indeed fortunate to have so charming a personality ready to advise and guide them, and a woman as their Dean who will prove a loyal friend to them at all times.

Mrs. Fawcett was associate teacher in the English department at Illinois in 1907 and 1908, an instructor in English 1908 to 1910; Acting Dean of women from 1910 to 1913. Since leaving here she has spent some time at Oxford, England, and was last year an instructor at Bryn Mawr.

ADDENDA

We regret the unexplainable omission of the following honors from the list of *Scholarship honors, college year, 1914-15*, in the January 1916 KAPPA ALPHA THETA:

Upsilon: Helen Cant, elected to Mathematics club.

Mary Gale, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Althea Heitsmith, elected to Sigma Tau (based on service to the university).

Διαλεγόμεθα

Theta and Friendship

PERHAPS I am what one would call a "new Theta," for the stars in the kite have led my way for only four months, and only now am I realizing just what it is to be a Theta. At first, things were new; in fact, some things I evidently had told to me the night of initiation, were almost new to me when we had a little examination in fraternity meeting a short time ago. But I am learning; and almost every day, as the fraternity opens to me new possibilities, pleasures, and responsibilities, I find firmer in my mind my belief in the true worth of Kappa Alpha Theta. And this is how one of these responsibilities presented itself to me: A short time ago I chanced to hear a Dean of girls in one of the large high schools of our city, talk to the girls about friendship. "True friendship," she said, "means sacrificing something for some one else, and its worth is not what you get out of it, but what is in it, and what you put into it. Without this, association with friends is not real friendship, but mere acquaintance." And while those girls were pondering over their high-school associations, my mind wandered to our fraternity which is surely one of the highest expressions of this true friendship, and I wished that every Theta could have heard those words. And then I thought—isn't that, after all, the message every kite brings to its wearer? Then why repeat it here? Just as a little reminder, as that little talk was to me, that we will find more in Theta as we put more into it, as we sacrifice more for it.

Edith Silver, Gamma

Scholarship

IN the attempt to have our Greek-letter folk, the students of their universities, two chief troubles are almost invariably met. The first of these is the inability of our freshmen to grasp the idea that they go to college to learn and that their fraternity's reputation and efficiency depend on the personal scholarship of the chapter's members. A good solution for this trouble is the freshman scholarship cup, upon which is engraved each year the name of the freshman making the highest scholarship average. Seeing this cup, the freshmen get the idea that the fraternity stands for scholarship and the words of the active members are made real. A freshman student rarely develops into an upperclass failure.

The second trouble comes in not making the fraternity house the accepted place for study and the promotion of scholarship. This

can be at least partly met through the chapter library. There are certain essentials to a library: an encyclopedia, certain of the English writers, the texts most commonly used, and one or two accepted history authorities. These can often be secured from the donations of alumnæ.

In addition, in thirty-three states of the Union there are traveling libraries. At a nominal cost, any fraternity chapter can secure from the state traveling library fifty of the best books a month for reference or study. Through this means many young libraries can be made effective and the old ones supplemented. This is a source that only one chapter of one fraternity has made use of, as far as can be ascertained, although many strong university libraries are not above securing books from this source.

Through means of this partly temporary and partly permanent library an atmosphere of study is given the chapter house, and it is made a place where good work can be done under good conditions with the fraternity reaping the benefit.

Ultra-curriculum Activities

ONE of the aims of Beta chapter always has been to have her members, besides being prominent in classes because of their mental ability, to be influential in ultra-curriculum activities on account of their personality and ability as leaders. In order to cultivate this ability, the older girls as soon as the new girls come in, begin to arouse their interest in at least one outside activity.

At the beginning of this college year a house meeting was called. At this meeting the house manager explained the house rules to the new girls; the table manager, table rules and customs; and the president explained certain requirements that the chapter desired of all its members. Among these she told of Beta's desire to have every girl interested in at least one ultra-curriculum activity. The list of the various activities was read, and each girl was told that it was the desire of the chapter that she should think about this list and begin to make up her mind as to those phases of it in which she was most interested. Of course most of the older girls had already found themselves, and in order to help the freshmen, each upperclass counselor could, by watching her freshman, get an idea what the freshman's interest might be. The result was that several weeks after the opening of college, the upperclass counselor and her freshman in a personal discussion would, without much trouble, find the activity pertinent to that particular freshman. Thus each girl's interest was aroused in outside activities.

We have found however that telling the freshman she should be interested is not enough. The way to make her feel that she must

be interested is to create a public opinion in the house that demands that she be interested, a sentiment that makes her feel that she is not reaching the standard unless she has some part. And this sentiment can be obtained only by having the upperclassmen vitally interested.

As a result of our endeavor, we have succeeded in having all of our girls, save two, interested in one or more activities. These two were prevented by ill-health. The girls have varied interests, for the college life offers innumerable openings. We have girls in Young Women's Christian association work, girls on athletic teams, girls in the glee club, girls in dramatic and departmental clubs, girls in every phase of college life. However no one girl has taken so much outside work on her shoulders that she is seriously influencing her health or her regular college work. Further our members have become democratic and prominent, and have made innumerable friends among the unorganized and members of lesser organizations.

Mildred L. Hatch

Conversation

HOW to cultivate the art of conversation in the chapter, may sound like a very insignificant and trivial subject to the average reader but it is of very great import. Not only is conversation a true factor in the development of an individual's character but it is also of significance in determining the atmosphere and tone of the chapter.

Trivial, shallow conversation is an indication of trivial, shallow thoughts and it can turn the whole thought of the chapter into aimless paths. The outsider judges a chapter by its conversation.

There is a tendency in almost every chapter house to narrow conversation to personal matters or to college affairs. This sort of conversation is very well in its place, but the girls should also train themselves to think and talk about serious matters. This might be accomplished by setting aside certain evenings for general conversation, or discussion of current events.

Each girl should be allowed and encouraged to express her opinions and contribute to the general conversation.

Slang and other coarse expressions should be avoided even when joking. A habit quickly becomes rooted before one realizes it, and girls may soon find that they can talk only in slangy terms. This is a serious reflection on the chapter.

Another fault of chapter house conversation is that every girl tries to talk at once, and the result is discourteous interruptions and a general babel. In your own home you would not interrupt your sister or any other member of the family while she was engaged in conversation—yet in the chapter house most of us do it time and time

again. Unthinkingly, of course, but if each one of us would only stop and remember that one of our sisters may have, and probably has, something worth while to say, this might be avoided.

And lastly, one of the necessary qualities of a good conversationalist is that he be first and foremost a good listener. And where is a better place to develop this ability than in the close relationship of a chapter house? Surely a little quiet once in a while would be appreciated.

A Call to Our Humorists

THETAS, do you ever read the journal and have a feeling even though every single word is interesting and not one single article could be omitted that one more page would be a great addition; a page that would relieve the monotony of all the letters and personals and yet a page which would bring to light the hidden talent of some of our unappreciative members. Every one can't express themselves in words and yet there are a few who could make a cartoon most expressive, perhaps in the case of some Panhellenic conditions, or even go so far as to give caricatures of some of our noted members. In fact let us have what one may call a Kappa Alpha Theta Mother Goose Page where jokes or funny little incidents may be recorded and where little jingles and rhymes may be put. Surely such a page devoted to that would not lessen the literary value of our journal and probably may be an incentive to the different chapters to see which one in turn could contribute the cleverest article for such a page. Would you not look forward to just such a page with keen lively interest? We need not make this a part of every journal but only now and then our journal may contain this little bit of so-called spice. We could not help but feel as if we Theta sisters not only shared with our other sisters our serious thoughts but our fun as well.

Dorothy Wilson, Baltimore Alumnae.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This department's inauguration only awaits receipt of copy. Who will supply it?)

A Real Loss

AN ancient king has said, "Where there is no vision the people perish," and a modern sociologist that, "those indefinable qualities that impart interest to a nation, are products of ideals rather than institutions." The college period comes at the time of life when the idealistic is naturally strong. There is, moreover, in nearly every student the desire to be a helpful constructive factor in society.

Therefore, the college, while giving the utmost of technical training misses the highest accomplishment for its students if idealism is not cultivated likewise. Efficiency must be backed by vision to be effective in the best sense.

In my experience at college I have found that materialism has been fostered and emphasized at the expense of idealism. Professors seem to be so afraid that their students will not take the academic, sceptical attitude that they almost always throw their influence—great as it is—entirely on the side of materialism. It is true that a certain ideal is found in the materialistic attitude but it is negative rather than stimulating. The students are infinitely poorer for the loss of spiritual outlook.

It is thoroughly recognized that the college period is unavoidably one of intellectual adjustment, doubt, and scepticism. It is, therefore, all the more imperative that idealism should be sought and presented in every way possible in order that the students may face the world, their life problems, and the problems of society with the strong hopefulness and uplifting outlook that idealism alone can give.

Marguerite Allen

Keeping in Touch with Alumnae

WHEN the big sisters leave to try their wings in the great, wide world, the younger sisters in Alpha Pi would be inconsolable were it not for the Gordian knot of correspondence which ever unites the adventurers with the chapter.

First of all, the personal letters invariably contain some friendly message to or from the chapter. Then, about December, the alumnae secretary writes a lengthy letter describing the new girls, telling about chapter business, scholarship, and social pleasures, relating important university events, discussing our relation to the general student activities, giving our new ideas, asking for advice, and stating our plans for the future; a copy of this letter she sends to each of the alumnae. In the third place, each member of the chapter is assigned two girls, who have left without graduating, with whom to carry on correspondence. In these letters we try to persuade them to come back and graduate. In April a personal letter is sent to each alumna inviting her to the formal party. Last and best of all arrives the alumnae round-robin, of which the most tantalizing rumors have reached us from time to time. Such a cargo of inspiration and love it brings, real heart messages, which reveal anew the depth and strength of Theta love.

Gertrude Healy, Alpha Pi.

WHEN Zeus, the king of the gods, had finished making the substantial part of the earth, he called upon Gaia, the goddess of nature, to decorate it, to make it a place of beauty, that all who lived here might be happy. So first of all Gaia covered the floor of the earth with a soft, green carpet, so that our eyes might be rested

and our hearts cheered. In order that the carpet might remain green, that it might not become parched by the heat of the summer and frozen by the snows of the winter, she set great trees here and there. But when she surveyed her handiwork she was not satisfied: some brighter colors were needed. So she planted roses, lilies, forget-me-nots. And still Gaia was not satisfied. Finally she determined to create a flower which should contain a secret, which only a very few of those who should live upon the earth might ever learn. This flower must be neither bright nor tall, to attract the eyes of the thoughtless, but dark and small, to be found only by those who should seek it carefully, and who had kept their eyes clear and truthful, and their hands pure and untainted. This flower has been called the black pansy, and we who know the secret which Gaia hid in its heart are Thetas. Did you ever notice when you plucked the leaves from this flower that in the very center is a golden queen, seated upon a throne, Theta's queen? The secret which is hidden in the heart of the pansy becomes more beautiful each time we hear it, and our dearest wish for ourselves and you is that together, as Thetas, we may always find this truth.

Ruth Soule, Alpha Pi

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT MICHIGAN

Although women have for many years been freely admitted to all departments in this university, it is still only the unusual girl who is found in the departments of law, engineering, dentistry, pharmacy, etc. Teaching is the vocation for which the majority are preparing. Whether it is because they regard it as only a temporary expedient or enter upon the teacher's course because it is the line of least resistance, I do not know. In many cases it is thought that girls drift into this course because they are not fully informed of the other vocations for which they might prepare.

To remedy this state of affairs the Woman's league last year planned a vocational conference at which successful professional women should address the college girls and inform and advise them according to their own experiences. The second annual conference opened January 13. Among those who spoke were Mrs. Lucinda Prince, head of the School for salesmanship in Boston, who discussed *Opportunity for college women in department store work*; Miss Snow, field secretary of the New York intercollegiate bureau of occupations; Mrs. Gary Wallace of the editorial staff of the *Ladies' home journal*, who spoke on the opportunity for women in the profession of pharmaceutical chemistry; Dr. Gillette Hayden who urged

that more college women consider dentistry as a profession; and Professor Glover of the mathematics department of the university, who outlined the situations open to women in actuarial work. Kappa Alpha Theta was represented by Dr. Bertha van Hoosen '84-'88, who spoke on the medical profession for women, especially in the fields of relief and examination work, dispensary positions, welfare work and college infirmaries. The speakers had hours for personal consultation with those who are uncertain as to what line of work they wish to enter, and even if they were discouraged by a small attendance at their lectures, they could not but be gratified by the eagerness which the girls displayed in attending the consultations. In addition to the privilege of meeting these women who have proved the value of their vocational training, the girls were further honored by an address by Governor Ferris, who has devoted a great deal of his time to training young people for useful careers. The conference closed January 15 with a luncheon, at which Dr. Reuben Peterson, director of the nurses in the university hospital, urged that college women enter the field of trained nursing as superintendents or in public service work.

Girls often finish a four years' course before they find what they really want to do. I recall the case of one girl who was a proficient language student and had taken the courses required for a teacher's diploma before she discovered that she wished to take work in business administration. She continued her senior work with but few modifications in her course and came back the next year to fit herself for the work of an actuary. Besides having a splendid cultural education she has a very usable technical training and now holds a good business position in a prosperous Michigan city. Another language specialist found congenial work in conducting the foreign correspondence of a large varnish company in Detroit. Of the girls in Eta one is preparing to be a dietician, two expect to go into business, and one is to study dentistry. The number of girls who take the medical course increases every year. The School of music trains the musical girl for a suitable career. Art is taught in the engineering department. In two departments the University of Michigan is deficient: (I) it has no laboratory for those who wish to be trained for teaching. (II) there is no opportunity for girls to study domestic science. In respect to practice teaching the university doubtless feels that it would be encroaching on the province of the normal school even more than it already has, should it establish a teachers' practice school here. In spite of these deficiencies, opportunities for vocational training here are so numerous as almost to confuse those who have no conception of their own capacities.

Donna Jones

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The birth of our nation in 1776 marks also the birth of two ideas in one of its colleges; the fraternity idea and the anti-fraternity idea, the one constructive and the other destructive. Fraternity antipathy is perfectly natural. What organization of power or influence is without its enemies? What nation, what party, what individual for that matter?

So, believing in itself, the fraternity system has "just grown" unconsciously like Topsy, part of the time perhaps, but certainly consciously in more recent years with definite ideals and purposes and, in many instances, very splendid conformity to them. For the practical world today does not ask what you think, or what you feel, but, what can you do?

With growing enthusiasm the Greek-letter world is working from its course of smugness and self-satisfaction. Anti-fraternity proponents do it a service in pointing out faults and frailties, it has been big enough to recognize its own short comings, it will be big enough to correct them. Look again at the charges preferred; old charges all of them, for there could be no new ones without inventing new words and most agitators are too busy decrying and destroying to invent or create anything new.

Fraternities are undemocratic, fundamentally snobbish, selfish, extravagant; they wound deeply innocent unchosen students; they draw interest from general college activities and themselves; they lay too much stress on the purely social side of life, detracting from the mental; they demoralize the student body by their rushing season; all these things and many more are the charges brought by the non-fraternity element. Unfortunately they are very true in greater or less degree. But fraternities are made up of individuals from college societies, whose membership is in turn drawn from society at large, and is therefore human and subject to common human faults; and are these charges strictly fraternity frailties, are they not just common human faults of society at large which can not by its very nature, strive as it will, be purely democratic? Are not clubs and cliques of people with similar tastes and objects to be found everywhere in general society? Are many of them not highly organized, self perpetuating bodies? Who dares forbid them free right of assembly, free pursuit of ideals?

Yet fraternities, in their determination to exist, are daily meeting these charges with a fresh defense, a more practical defense than they have ever used before. Through their National Panhellenic and Inter-fraternity congresses, and their national officers, both men's and women's fraternities are widening their views, increasing

their activities to meet the demands of the present day. Each fraternity must stand behind its national officers, and refute the charge of lack of democracy by supporting eagerly an extension policy; the charge of too great social activity, by higher scholarship; of snobbishness, by better relations with rival fraternities and non-fraternity members; of selfishness, by generosity where it is not so easy to give; of extravagance, by greater simplicity in chapter houses and social activities therein. For fraternities are a vital and charming part of college life, only in so far as they help, not hinder, college activities. That is the real test. Their own interest should be ever subservient to that of the college, always remembering the college is their *raison d'être*. Loyalty to fraternity means, in its truest sense, loyalty to fraternity ideals.

Mary Isabel Saunders

NOTICES

New York alumnae has founded a permanent Committee of information with the idea of overcoming, in every way possible, the difficulties of Thetas visiting or newly resident in New York. For information communicate with Katherine Noble, 304 West 77th street, New York.—Phone, Schuyler, 9567.

All Thetas who come to St. Louis are invited to attend the St. Louis alumnae chapter meetings. Chapter meets on the first Wednesday of every month. For place, inquire of Mrs. Paul Neff, 941 Beach street.

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CURRENT FRATERNITY THOUGHT

The Young Women's Christian association is celebrating its fiftieth jubilee this spring and all the women's fraternity magazines are running articles supplied by the National board, as part of the effort to bring this fine work before the fraternity women of the country. Our January issue carried two of these articles with illustrations.

In connection with the Christian association some recent statistics from chapter reports may be of interest. This year a member of Theta is presiding over the Young Women's Christian association in five different colleges, while 34 other Thetas are serving as officers in college associations, 60 as Cabinet members, and 157 as active committee workers. Of our 697 active members in the first semester of this college year, 497 were actively enrolled in the Young Women's Christian association of their alma maters.

A scholarship basis for initiation has become the popular slogan in place of the sophomore pledging agitation of a few years ago. We believe with most of our contemporaries, that this is a distinct mark of progress and we hope the time may come soon, when we shall have a national regulation that makes initiation dependent on some actual scholarship achievement. The great majority of our chapters now are conforming to such standards, and so far we have never heard one voice raised against such rules. Listen to Alpha Gamma Delta's editorial prophecy:

"Does it seem hard to have to wait so long—until second semester, to initiate the freshmen? Just wait a minute—and hear the whole story. You want your freshman class well trained and well informed before they are initiated. You want them to have good team work and good standards. Well, this is the prescription:

No summer rushing.

Not over four weeks of rushing in the fall—better three.

Uniform pledge day.

Simple rules—with a limit to expenditure.

Initiation on a scholarship basis.

Result:

No undue emphasis upon rushing—for any lengthy period of time.

Everyone can get to her studies early in the year. It is not fair otherwise.

There is a greater incentive to make a good record for the chapter, as well as for yourself.

There is more harmony and progress in the chapter.

There is a glorious opportunity to have weekly pledge meetings, at which the chosen alumna sister mother gives the prescribed pledge

training, encourages team work—and if she is wise—includes fifteen minutes on 'Student standards of action.'

Yes, it is a period of rich experience, this pledge period, and every college woman needs it. It helps her to become a thoughtful, far-seeing, happy fraternity woman, and she learns to turn with love and appreciation to her older sisters, who teach her both the privileges and the responsibilities, 'a'wearing of the pin.'

Make the most of it, girls."

Chapter house matters are pertinent at all times. Today we are not so much concerned with the ways and means of building houses, methods for this have been pretty well standardized. The emphasis is now on the management of such houses, the type of housekeeping, the record for good living at economical cost, the atmosphere of the house as a center for study and culture.

Cooperation is surely coming in the matter of purchasing supplies and equipment. Cornell set the fashion with its successful Weller plan. *Banta's Greek exchange* for December, 1915 contains an interesting report on the Weller experiment as carried on last year at the University of California. A National Panhellenic congress committee is now investigating the possibility of this plan becoming a national policy, for it seems that in most places it is difficult without some national pressure to bring the chapters to cooperate wholeheartedly. They are too prone to demand the millenium the first month, and to resent anything that is a bit of trouble, as well as too eager to adopt any scheme backed by a clever talker. It is in a large measure the proverbial womanly failure to know when a bargain is not a bargain.

In the meantime there is much that can be done locally to make our houses more attractive, through absolute cleanliness, through the establishment of regular study hours, through the growth of a chapter library, and through the adoption of a budget system that will make outgo and income match.

Significant facts brought out by the California study are that less than one-half of income goes for food, that it is the "over-head" which is out of all proportion in fraternity houses (Do you know whether your house can actually afford a fine collie as a mascot?), and that monthly rent should not exceed \$6 per head for the number of members the house is built to accommodate. This last conclusion has been endorsed by studies at a number of other colleges and should be borne in mind by every alumna who is aiding a chapter to build or buy a new chapter house. It is not the size of your neighbor's house, but what is well within your normal income that should govern all chapter house financing.

A curious situation is being created by the general custom of leaving the matter of chapter house management entirely to the present undergraduates. The *alumnæ* say, "we managed the house when we were undergraduates, why shouldn't the present chapter. It is a fine experience to manage a house." The undergraduates say, "we can manage the house, we don't want the *alumnæ* interfering." And yet, the chapter house and its furnishings do not belong to those *alumnæ* nor to the present undergraduates one whit more than to the *Thetas* of the future. The chapter is a continuing body and for that very reason its property should never be in the control of any one generation of college students. Why should several future generations of college women live in an unartistic house, because some undergraduate committee of today thinks willow and chintz the only thing to buy with funds laboriously collected from *alumnæ* of yesterday?

This true situation is being much discussed in the fraternity world today and it is the consensus of opinion that a change in policy must come in the near future. A generay board, representing both *alumnæ* and undergraduates, should have final control of all chapter property, a definite plan of equipment and furnishings should be outlined and, more important still, once outlined should be followed relentlessly, except excellent cause for deviation arises. The *alumnæ* are too prone to think their duty is fulfilled when they voice their objections to house matters as conducted by the present undergraduates; and the same undergraduates are too prone to think the house is "no-body's business but our own."

Many conservative members observe with actual horror the present length of college chapter rolls. The initiation of from nine to fifteen members in one year is no longer uncommon. Ten years ago, a class of four or five was deemed all sufficient. Every year sees larger and larger delegations initiated. What is to be the outcome? Either the character of the fraternity will change, or else there must be a limit placed on numbers. It is obviously impossible for 45 or 50 individuals to enjoy the close companionship and friendship that a fraternity chapter has always stood for in the past. Some fraternities frankly admit that the emphasis under such conditions has to be placed on class loyalty, that seniors are intimate friends; juniors, likewise, and so on; but this destroys all the interclass friendships which are one of the greatest assets of fraternity life.

The college chapter says, "there is so much first-class material that we just have to take a large delegation." Is the solution of this the establishment of more and more fraternities, so as to make fraternity life possible to most of the students, without swamping the present

chapters? Or is the solution for the fraternities to adapt themselves to the present seeming need to take in many from each incoming class, by changing their methods and purposes? Shall we fit the environment, or shall we introduce new elements to control the environment?

One thing we could do at once, and that is make sure that those who are invited to become fraternity members are reasonably sure to stay in college until graduation. The roll of any chapter of any fraternity contains too many underclassmen in proportion to the upperclassmen, in other words far too many young people are wearing fraternity badges that go to college for only one or two years, many of them deliberately register in order to form fraternity affiliations. Scholarship standards for initiation should help eliminate this element, as would more care as to the scholarship ambitions of rushees.

The Northwestern dormitory system for men is attracting more and more favorable comment from the fraternity press. It would seem that the plan should be extended to include the dormitory problem for women, so acute at Northwestern. The plan has suggestions too for a strictly fraternity quadrangle where city conditions prevail. A series of chapter houses, with central heating plant, and so forth might solve the problem for many of our city located chapters to whom the usual type of chapter house seems impossible. Panhellenics, both college and national, here is a matter worth your serious consideration.

A short article "Attention alumni" which first appeared in the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma has been going the rounds of the fraternity press recently. It seems worth quoting entire, as it touches a common interest in a definite way.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

Do you remember the days at college when you used to sit 'round after chapter meetings and have a grand old talk-fest?

Do you remember that there was always a lack of chairs—good, decent-looking, comfortable chairs—and how the "brother" who preempted the one leather chair was "cussed" out by the rest of you?

Do you remember the need of good pictures, curtains, a table cover, sofa pillows, books or magazines to read, new victrola records, to add to the *House's* attractiveness and make of it a *Home*?

If you do—then:

Why not buy *one* chair and ship it as a wonderful surprise to the old chapter? A laurel wreath will be yours for the asking.

Why not send *one* picture, *one* pennant, *one* record, to surprise and delight the brothers, whoever they be, of the old chapter? A multitude of blessings will be heaped upon thy pate.

Or—failing the above—why not ship *one* crate of oranges; *one* large box of nuts; *one* basket of any sort of “eats” to the old chapter? Even one small cake or one two-dollar box of cigars would call down blessings on thy head from brothers in Kappa Sigma.

WHY NOT?

The men's fraternities represented in the Canadian universities are face to face with conditions similar to those that disrupted many chapters in the sixties. Several fraternities report every member of the college chapter as having enlisted, and in no chapter are left more than a remnant of the usual membership, this remnant composed of those either too young to be accepted or else deterred by some physical handicap from going. Thus war is taking toll of the finest young manhood, as always. The women are much less affected, though nurses and other volunteer workers have gone from their ranks, mostly alumnæ. But they are not without their share in the burdens, for fathers and brothers are at the front.

A recent visit to the University of Toronto found the college halls full of men in khaki, and more than one professor in full uniform lecturing to his classes. The drafting rooms, not needed now because so many less students registered, have been turned into Red cross headquarters, and here every woman student gives from an hour up of her time each week to work for the soldiers of Canada. Every one knits about college, though not in the classrooms. No “extra” is called by the newsboy, but what dozens grasp the paper with terror that a beloved name may be among the “killed, wounded, or missing.”

In our security, we can not realize all that our fraternity sisters only a few hundred miles away are facing with courage and energy. Now is a time when, regardless of our views of war and its issues, we can make fraternity invaluable to them by the personal friendship and sympathy that helps one through the valley of shadows.

Extension is an ever present problem with all the fraternity world. A question that changes its aspects as rapidly as does the college public opinion. Can a roll of chapters as well as an individual chapter's roll of active members become too large for the cultivation of true fraternity? Can the fraternity idea endure and prosper under an extension policy coordinate with the collegiate expansion? Shall we ourselves assimilate the strong locals in other colleges, or shall we encourage them to pioneer and expand into a national fra-

ternity, establishing chapters to compete with our existing ones? Such are some of the questions we all face. Alpha Phi had this to say recently on the change in extension policy.

"Wise and conservative expansion has always been the policy of Alpha Phi. The question is—what is wise and conservative expansion? Certainly not what it was twenty years ago. Since that time has occurred the rapid rise of the state university. Wherever the support of these institutions is provided for by mill tax appropriation, it is safe to say that college is bound to be a place to watch and a place to enter. State pride will look to it that the legislature will provide liberal equipment. The western states have few other colleges, there is a constantly growing population, therefore the state universities provide plenty of material. Do not expect the institution you are watching to come up to the present standards of your college—it didn't have the size, reputation or equipment that it does now when your charter was granted. Look for Promise! See what the state universities have accomplished and trust in the future.

There are small colleges too, that have the highest ideals and offer work of high grade. Don't turn them down just because they are small. Your college wasn't always large, your faculty wasn't always so large. Numbers are desirable but not indispensable."

Service as an expression of fraternity is a very frequently used slogan these days. There are the enthusiastic supporters of some formal national charity toward the development of which every chapter and member should contribute. There are those who would have every chapter prominently identified with some local work of this kind, some who would even have them originate and support all together such a local movement. There are others who feel that fraternities should devote their time toward the furthering of educational matters, especially in the colleges where they are represented. Some are for scholarships, others for loans to aid students complete their courses, others for the establishment of specific scholarship and activity prizes to be competed for by all students. Again, there are those who believe that the fraternity's chief purpose should be to develop its own members to be able leaders in after college days. And so the argument runs on and on. No doubt each and every one of these plans has admirable features. The danger is that in our enthusiasm for some concrete expression of our desire to serve, we may commit ourselves to some course better left to others. A fraternity member surely better serves her community by helping in its activities, by pulling with the best influences now existing, than in starting off to reform the world alone. In the same way, there is danger that

in our zeal for fraternity service we may lose momentum and efficiency by starting our own service in place of submerging fraternity in the larger life of the community. It is difficult to know when to emphasize the fraternity as a distinct organization, and hard to divorce much of its activities along these lines from a sense of exalting the fraternity, self-advertising as it were as a side issue of our generosity.

ALUMNÆ INTERESTS—STATE CHAIRMEN

Last convention provided for the centering of *alumnæ* interests in the office of the *alumnæ* secretary, who should be assisted by a group of state chairmen, each state to have its own chairman. The work of organizing this new council is proceeding and through the Journal, Miss Reed, *alumnæ* secretary, takes pleasure in announcing the following acceptances of positions as state chairmen, hoping in the near future to be able to complete the list. It is suggested that every Theta who reads this, can help the planning of the work by sending her address to the chairman for her state, be she a permanent or transient resident there. Seniors going as new *alumnæ* to a new state will also help by sending their addresses to the right chairman. Suggestions for the work will also be welcome from any one.

Chairmen who to date have accepted appointment are:

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West Virginia: see under District of Columbia.

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNÆ NEWS

It is always dangerous to turn critic. Having taken exception to many things in January chapter letters, the Editor met her Waterloo in having to plead guilty to such a misspelling as "blue-pencilled" in that same issue. However humiliated we felt at having let this printer's eccentricity escape our proofreading efforts, we have continued our rôle of critic in this issue—because, let us tell you a secret, while eleven January letters came headless, or partly so, only one letter this time failed to be properly headed. Does criticism make our future tasks easier? It did this time.

A recent chapter letter editorial of one of our contemporaries stated that that which is common to all colleges and all chapters is not news. And so, we have used our blue pencil further than indicated by "Editor's notes" following individual letters, for we have cut from two lines to two whole pages per letter of words about examination times from the letters of twenty chapters; namely, from the letters of Gamma, Delta Iota, Lambda, Mu, Sigma, Upsilon, Chi, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Eta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Mu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Pi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi.

We wish to thank Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Eta, Rho, Sigma, Omega, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Pi, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Chi for sending typewritten copy. And we wish here to announce that only one chapter editor, Philena Palmer of Alpha Chi, spells Founders'-day in the correct Theta style.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

All the girls of De Pauw have been very much interested lately in the Vocational conference held here on February 2 and 3. Many prominent speakers talked to us concerning the growing opportunities for women in the commercial world. They showed how a woman may make herself efficient in other lines of activity than teaching. To put into play some of the principles we were learning and also to defray some of the expenses incurred in holding the conference, the girls issued an extra of the college paper which they called *The De Pauw Co-ed*. The staff of this paper which was composed entirely of girls, included the following Thetas: Genevieve Briggs '16, editor-in-chief; Mary Alice Davis '18, sport editor; reporters, Mary Clippinger, Jessie Gobin, Elizabeth Horner, and Catherine Tillotson.

With the coming of the second semester, we have acquired two lovely new pledges, Margaret Shouse of Greencastle, and Agnes Joiner of Bedford, Indiana. In addition to these, we are glad to tell of the return of two old girls, Dorothy Thomas '16, and Carlotta Cooper '17, both of whom were out last semester because of illness.

Since our new gymnasium is nearing completion, the girls of De Pauw have organized an athletic association, and one of our freshmen, Helen Hanna, has been elected vice-president of the organization. There are also three Thetas on the *Mirage* board, our junior annual.

They are Marjory Green, class editor; Lois von Behren, calendar editor; and Frances Brian, art editor.

We are to have a change of chaperons this semester. Miss Margaret Keiper '12, who has endeared herself to all of us, has been asked to take charge of one of the women's dormitories, Florence hall. Although we are so sorry to have Miss Keiper leave us, we are considering ourselves most fortunate to be able to secure in her place Miss Mina Mattern '06, an instructor in the German department of the university.

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Mary Weik

'14-'15 Ehrma Green and Elizabeth von Behren visited us January 22.

'10 Born to Mr and Mrs P. P. Willis (Pearl Marlatt) a son.

'15 Clara Gibbs was married to Ralph Rusk during the Christmas holidays, at Decatur, Ill.

'97 Mary Ritter Beard was recently granted an interview with President Wilson on suffrage. Mrs Beard recently published several books on social service.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The popular fad of ice-skating reached Indiana university during the last short period of zero weather. The Indiana union flooded Jordan field, and the result was a splendid skating rink. To be sure, we could not all get skates in time to use it, but we intend to be prepared for the next cold spell. The Indiana union has been managing a picture show on the campus for two years, very successfully.

This year two more of our girls earned the beautiful, cream-colored I. U. sweaters with crimson letters. These were awarded for winning three arm-bands in different phases of women's athletics. The fortunate girls were Katherine Rawles and Inez Lemmon. Recently the arm-band system has been changed to a point system, which demands that the girl win nine hundred points before she earns the sweater. Several others have earned arm-bands or points and are working for the sweaters.

This semester, circumstances demanded that several of our pledges live out of the house, not even coming here for meals. In order to see them oftener we inaugurated the plan of having them all at the house for tea on Sundays, with a general "get-together" time afterwards. Some form of entertainment is planned for each evening by a committee. One time the freshmen gave very clever impromptu stunts; another time the upperclassmen gave the story of several of the pictures in the house, followed by humorous representation of the same pictures. You may be sure we have enjoyed these hours thoroughly. Nevertheless we are anxious to have all our freshmen in the pleasures and discipline of the house.

By the time this letter is printed we hope to have welcomed fourteen fine freshmen into the fraternity, and are eagerly planning for that time. We are sorry that Helen Bruce had to leave college before the semester was over on account of illness. Also, we are going to miss Ruth Clark, one of our seniors, who finishes her work at mid-year.

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Mildred L. Hatch

'16-ex Mildred Rieman was married to George Milton Lennard, Jan. 20, 1916, at high noon. They will live in Metamora, Ind.

Clara Gibbs Rush (Mrs R. H.) of Alpha is living in Bloomington. Mr Rush is a professor in the English department of Indiana university.

'89 Mrs Creed Myers Cagwin was here visiting her daughter, Mary, one of our pledges, Jan. 23, 1916.

Born to Margaret Davidson Johnson (Mrs Harry) a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, on Jan. 12, 1916.

'01 Maud Showers Myers (Mrs Burton D.) has returned from a hospital in Boston.

Florence Wandel, ex-'16, Mary Jane Carr, Lucy Davisson, and Inez Lemmon went home with Mary Rieman for Mildred Rieman's wedding.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

We closed our last week of college, before Christmas, with our annual Christmas-dance, at the Woodruff club, December 23. The committee in charge certainly worked hard, and gave us one of the prettiest parties we have ever had.

On New Year's day, we held our usual Open-house, honoring our seniors at the home of Virginia Kingsbury, and although the weather was indescribably bad, it did not seem to keep our friends at home. The reception room was beautiful with the large electric kite—a present from Mrs. Mecklin—blazing among the American Beauties and other lovely flowers—the gifts of some of our loyal parents—Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler. This function, which has been a custom of Gamma for many years, is always one of great pleasure, because it brings together, not only our own college people, but many students of other colleges who are at home for their Christmas vacations.

We are to have one of our parties, which we have every month, February 3, at the home of Leah Henry. Having no home of our own, we sometimes find it difficult to get together as a chapter and pledges should, and so, for two years we have had these parties just for ourselves, and have found them to be very helpful. This one we hope, will be up to the standard, or even more, as it is to be the freshman stunt.

February 7, is our College Founders'-day, and, although the Panhellenic reception is not to take place this year, aside from that, it will be celebrated in the usual way, with the Special Chapel on Monday afternoon, at which Mr. Randall Parish, of Chicago university, is to be the speaker, and a banquet at the Claypool hotel at night.

What heretofore have been two separate occasions for the Thetas of Indiana, are to be combined into one day, this year, and made an affair for all of District I. These are the Founders'-day luncheon, and the State dance, and this year they are to be celebrated on the same day, probably February 26. This will allow the girls, coming from a distance, to attend both functions, and we hope to have many come.

Although our grades, for last semester are not yet out, we have all reasons to hope that we again, will stand high. Our grades, with a very few exceptions, have been unusually high during the semester.

To Helene Lewis Shultz, and her husband, we wish to give our deepest sympathy in the loss of their little daughter, Helene, Junior. With a sister, we have gone into the depths, and can only strive now, to lead her again into the sunlight.

On Saturday, February 5, we expect to initiate seven girls, six of whom are our sophomores, who on account of a rule concerning freshman parties made by President Howe, could not be initiated when they should have been, last September. The other girl is an upperclassman, entering Butler this year.

And so, with these new sisters, whom we are doubly glad to welcome because of our long waiting, we will start into our new semester with added vigor and happiness.

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Laura Ann Reed

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*This letter had too many capitals and Panhellenic spelt in the tabooed way.*]

Rachel Williams and Ellen Thompson, Alpha, were the guests of Lucile Downing for our Christmas dance.

Mary and Sara Ashby and Ruth Robertson, Psi, attended our Christmas dance.

Dorothy Thomas, Alpha, was our guest, Jan. 13.

Mary Louise Rumpel is spending this week-end at Purdue.

Lorene Jefferies spent her Christmas vacation, the guest of friends in Detroit.

'18 Harriet Dithmer will be back in college, after having been out the past semester on account of illness.

'15 Edith Shelby, Tau, will be our guest for the party, Feb. 3.

'17-ex Charlotte Galpin will enter Columbia university next semester.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

One of the most interesting things in fraternity circles at Illinois is the growing tendency for all of the girls to move to Urbana, instead of remaining in Champaign, where all fraternities have always resided. (Champaign and Urbana are twin cities.) The reason for this is that our Dean of women, Miss Kyle, wishes to separate the men and the women. Alpha Delta Pi and Gamma Phi Beta have moved this year, and it is expected that many more will follow their example. This unwritten wish will not affect us as our Theta home is very near the campus and out of the fraternity district.

The university has two new buildings, a vivarium building which will be used by the zoology department, and a genetics building where mice will be experimented with by the different science departments.

Our freshmen gave every upperclassman a chance to "see herself as they have seen her" in *A typical day at the theta house*, a stunt show which freshmen give every year and which this year took place just after Christmas. To ease our rumpled feelings, they presented the house with a beautiful electric percolator directly after they finished their farce. Needless to add, they accomplished their purpose. We were all very happy with this new addition to our tea table.

Pauline H. Adams

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We cut many capitals from this letter and corrected two misspelled words.]

'12-ex The engagement of Alta Swigart, to Tilton Hoskins, Σ X, has been announced. The wedding will take place in June.

'15-ex Alice Chesley has announced her engagement to Paul Whitehead, Φ K Ψ . She will be married this coming June and expects to live in Vienna, Ill.

'15-ex Eleanor Babbitt will marry Fenton Williams this spring. He is a member of Φ Γ Δ and left Illinois last year.

Hortense Gettys, Esther Lynch and Gladys Lovewell will not be in college next semester.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

There are to be more changes on the campus. Michigan is to have a much needed new library building. The last legislature appropriated \$350,000, and Mr. Albert Kahn, of Detroit, has drawn plans which were approved by the Regents December 1. The south wing of University hall is being remodeled to accommodate the departments of romance languages and landscape design. The departments of zoology and botany which formerly occupied that wing have moved to the natural science building.

Eta was represented in the list of speakers at the second Woman's vocational conference in January by Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, a well-

known Chicago surgeon, who urged the opportunities for social service for women in the medical profession.

We have added to our list of campus activities: Muriel Tyson has been made a contributing editor to the biweekly magazine page of the *Michigan Daily*, and Ethel Hosmer an art editor for the Woman's edition of *The Gargoyle*.

January 27, the chapter and the town Thetas celebrated Founders'-day by meeting informally in the library after dinner. We began by singing Theta songs. Then we heard about the history of the fraternity and of the chapter, and were told especially of the fine things that have been and are being done by older Etas. At the close, one of the girls read us an account of some of the inspiring things that had happened at convention. The meeting aroused all sorts of ambitions in us, from earning new rugs for the house to serving the university better. Ways in which we could play our part well in university life were fresh in our minds from the preceding Monday night, when Mrs. Effinger, Delta Gamma, wife of the dean of the department of literature, science, and the arts, who had been invited to tell us what the chapter could do for the university, talked charmingly about what we could do as individuals and as a chapter to bring about a saner and more democratic social life.

January 28, we pledged Mildred Crissey '17, of Oak Park, Illinois, who entered this year from Lewis institute. We are looking forward to having our District president, Mrs. Overturf, here for initiation February 21.

Eta alumnae will be interested to hear what Christmas did for the round table. Mother Vedder gave us beautiful cocktail glasses, last year's freshmen gave salad forks, Mary Yost and Margaret Vogel sent a dozen and a half lunch napkins, Mary Ethel Spencer gave us a dozen coffee cups to match the old ones, and Ruth McCandless sent from China a lovely embroidered centerpiece.

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Esther Shaw

'88 Dr. Bertha van Hoosen called at the house Jan. 15.

'00 Charlotte Walker Stone gave a Theta luncheon Dec. 4, at the Woman's building in Toledo. The hostesses were Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Walker, Mabel Mason Brewer '09, and Charlotte Bissell '03. The guests included Myra Post Cady '95, Faith Cooper '04, Leona Belser '08, Elizabeth Williams '11-ex, and Bertha Ballard '11-ex, from Detroit; Harriet Walker Oaks '01-ex, Elsie '13-ex, Elfrieda '09, and Emma Weitz '09-ex, and Nettie Gehring '10-ex, from Cleveland; Frieda Reynolds '08, from Milwaukee; Louise Connor Teague '10-ex, from Wabash; Bess Cantwell '06-ex, from Kenton, Ohio; Mrs. Myra B. Jordan and Mrs. J. F. Lawrence, from Ann Arbor; Ruby Scott Moening '12-ex, Emma Heath '14, and Clara Jones '16, of Toledo.

'00 Born, Jan. 3, to Charlotte Walker Stone, a daughter, Louise.

'08 Frieda Reynolds made us a flying visit Dec. 6.

'10 Lucie Harmon spent the Christmas vacation at her brother's home in Ann Arbor and came to a Theta tea one afternoon.

'14-ex Gussie Bookmeyer's name appeared at the head of the list showing the standing of Berry Brothers' salesmen for Nov. 1915. A note says: "For the first time in our history, a lady appears in the star, Miss G. M. Bookmeyer. This young lady is in charge of our foreign department. Her business is conducted by mail, and by her close attention and hard work our foreign business for November was double that of the same month a year ago. In spite of the war, Miss Bookmeyer is making a fine showing in our foreign business and she fully deserves the stellar position for November."

'14 Helen Brown holds an actuarial position with the Woman's benefit association of the Maccabees, at Port Huron, Mich. Address, 838 Howard st. Died, Jan. 11, Mrs Jeannie Pease Brown, wife of the late Professor C. N. Brown, Dean of the engineering department, Ohio State university.

'14 Francis Lakin substituted in an Indianapolis high school for the month of January, and expects to go to Port Huron for the rest of the school year.

'15 Margaret Foote spent the week-end of Jan. 15 at the house.

'15 Genevieve Riggs was visiting in New York City from Nov. 13 to Dec. 22.

'15 Mary Lynn is the only woman who is a life member of the Michigan union.

'16 Donna Jones completes her course this semester, and will go into her father's bank at Marcellus, Mich.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

In Panhellenic meeting this week Mrs. Martin, our Dean, spoke to us very seriously about rushing, and strongly urged our trying sophomore pledging. Our chapter is larger than it has been in years, and could afford to try it, some think, while others have varied objections. Mrs. Martin will probably speak to all fraternity women together about it soon and take up these objections with us, for some are hard to convince.

We discussed the subject in our Founders'-day meetings at Mrs. Comstock's home, where we had quite a number of our alumnae with us to help. It was the most delightful evening and such good things to eat, but we hated the thought that we were losing Mrs. Comstock this week for two whole months which she and Professor Comstock are to spend in California. Other Thetas will see her then, and we'll try not to begrudge it, but don't keep her, Phi, for we can't do without her long.

Those of us who are in the caste of *Quality street*, which the Women's dramatic club is to present at the Lyceum theater on February 25, (the evening before our annual Theta dance, by the way), are working hard at rehearsals just now, for we are very anxious to make this rather ambitious attempt a brilliant success. We have always had our plays in our small theater here in Risley hall, one of the dormitories, or in some other hall on the campus, and we are

undertaking a big thing in getting the theater of Ithaca, and in managing the ticket sales, advertising and everything ourselves; and we must keep up our reputation for artistic productions, and surpass the men's efforts! Elsie Church, one of our new Theta sophomores, won the prize the other day in the poster competition, so hers will soon be displayed all about the town to delight the artistic eye, though the theater is almost sold out already for that evening.

We are working, too, in our chorus of two hundred voices, on our program for the annual University Music festival in April, which promises to do more than measure up to the high rank its predecessors have attained.

And the Pageant—well, that is going to be the biggest thing Cornell women have ever dreamed of before. As the plans develop around the beautiful text written for the occasion by one of our alumnae, and the immensity of it all dawns upon us, we gasp—but we are determined to make it a famous success. We'll tell you about it in May—it belongs to May anyway—for in the meantime there is much to be done.

30 January 1916

Jean D. Holmes

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*Too many capitals and wrong date forms in this letter.*]

'08 Anna Botsford Comstock is leaving for two months in California.

Mrs Edward L. Nichols is expected back this week from China where she and Prof. Nichols have spent his sabbatical year.

'09 Born to Mr and Mrs Clarence A. Rogers (Christine Avery) a son, Avery Perry.

'16 The engagement of Iris Marie Bassett to Stanley Coville '15, Δ T, has been announced.

'16 Ruth MacClelland is ill at the Clifton Springs sanatorium.

'17 Editha Smith has left to take a position as manager of the green-houses at Sleighton farms, Penn. during this next term. She will graduate with her class, however.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

On December 11, the freshmen gave us a splendid Katsup, wherein figured Lochinvar, Ellen, the hobby-horse—in fact all things and people necessary to an artistic and effective rendition of the classic story of Lochinvar. Not content with this clever scene, the freshmen drew upon their respective, but in no wise respectful, imaginations to present things as they may be in 1925 with several of us upperclassmen—who will have, it seems, no hand in the making of our own futures.

A few days after the Katsup, on December 15, occurred our annual Christmas dinner with its cheering accompaniments of carols, songs, gifts, and personal verses. The glowing Christmas tree in the center of the huge table was loaded with mock gifts for each

person present. Half of the girls appeared as perfect gentlemen—the others as mere ladies; but after the dinner there was the unanimous cry of “on with the dance” and we were in the midst of our 1915 Christmas ball.

The Annual Founders'-day banquet was a wonderful one this year. It took place only last night, January 29, so we are still enjoying the presence here of some of the alumnae. Marie Hedrick made a charming Toast-mistress. The unusually fine toasts were *Truth*, Miss Nancy Longenecker; *Hearts*, Edith Haskell Burney; *Enthusiasm*, Rose Watson Rising; *Things*, Hazel Allen; and *Aspiration*, Carolyn McNutt—the only active Theta on the program. Stunts by alumnae and actives took place after the toasts. I think no one present will soon forget the messages of our toasts this year.

At present there is an agitated cry for “better beds” at the Kappa chapter house. Also “papered walls” is heard on all sides. The latter we expect to have throughout the house at our own expense at the end of two weeks; the former we hope to have at the end of a few years. The alumnae may come to our rescue, before then, however—so much we're praying for.

30 January 1916

Helen Topping

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Arthur Spaulding (Helen Sparr) a daughter, Helen Mary, on Jan. 17.

'17-ex Barbara Abel and Katherine Kiezer were here for the Katsup and the Christmas dinner.

'18-ex Virginia Stone came back for the Katsup.

'13-ex Sara Morrison was here for the Katsup and the Christmas dinner.

'17 Barbara Abel and Katherine Kiezer have entered college again this semester.

The following alumnae were back for the Founders'-day banquet: Helen Schaffer Barteldes, Florence Moon Hodder, Bessie Anderson Preyor, Mrs R. Broadhead, Misses Kate and May Riggs, Miss Maude Smeltzer, Miss Clara Gilham, Miss Jeanette Wheeler, Miss Oreta Moore, Mrs Murray, Mrs Baitty and Miss Marie Hedrick, all of Lawrence; Mrs Clyde Miller, Mrs Forest Loveland, Mrs Guilford Dudley, Mrs W. F. Bowen and Miss Gertrude Reed of Topeka; Miss Edith Barnett, Mrs Lawrence Bird, Mrs George Duback, Mrs George H. Rising, Mrs Fred Johnson, Mrs Merriett Jeffries, Misses James, Helen and Georgia Cotter, all of Kansas City; Mrs James Chaliss of Atchinson; Miss Mary Ward of Bellville; and Mrs A. L. Burney of Harrisonville, Mo.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Just now we are carrying out a stern policy of retrenchment, rigorously sacrificing our customary class feasts, and putting the money thus formerly expended into our victrola fund. Our Christmas party was no mean triumph of literary genius. The juniors who were masters (or should I say mistresses) of ceremonies, provided the tree and presented a clever parody on a typical Sunday school enter-

tainment. Instead of the customary joke presents, we were asked to bring poems original or otherwise. These literary gems ranging all the way from limericks to Italian sonnets were nothing if not engagingly frank, as rhyming reviews of our little pet weaknesses and hobbies. But after all, it was not quite a Barmecidian feast, for Santa found under the tree a mysterious five pound box of chocolates—a little fee which we demand from every newly announced fiancé. By the way, if any one has loose pennies which are not essential to her happiness, or which are burning holes in perfectly good pockets, just send them along. We need records, now we have the coveted machine.

According to Panhellenic ruling, each of the four women's fraternities is allowed to give one formal rushing party to which all the freshmen women are invited. Saturday afternoon January 15, we took the fifty-three freshmen for a sleigh ride, and then to supper at the home of Anna Ward '15. After supper *The Romance of a Marionette* was read by Pearl Grandy '17, and presented in pantomime by Edith Holdstock '17, Constance Votey '16, and Helen Hall '18, with Mrs. J. W. Votey as accompanist. Pledging came as usual the second Saturday mid-years.

The annual Young Women's Christian association entertainment for the benefit of the Silver Bay fund was given January 17, in the gymnasium. Under the direction of Masque and Sandal, the women's dramatic society, *Place aux Dames* was presented. This clever burlesque gave a most amusing glimpse into the after life of Shakespeare's best known heroines. Helen Chapin '17, as Ophelia was the doting wife, and persisted in wearying the ears of her hearers with glowing tales of the virtues of "Ham" and the family tendency for committing wholesale slaughter.

This year our alumnæ gave us a supper at the rooms for a Founders'-day celebration. There was a big cake for Theta's forty-sixth birthday. Some of the older alumnæ gave most interesting accounts of the literary and debating society, Alpha Rho, which was founded in 1875, and which was the mother of Lambda; and of her final admission into the family of Kappa Alpha Theta.

30 January 1916

Gladys Fauley

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—This letter was short of periods and other punctuation marks and had four abbreviated words.]

'75 Lida Mason Hodge (Mrs S. D.) has been very ill at her home in this city.

'89 Lucia Barney Downing is visiting in Erie, Pa.

'98 Anna Clark has been elected president of the U. V. M. alumnæ association of New York.

'98 Marion Rustedt, who is studying in Columbia, was in a New York hospital in Dec. for an operation.

'06 Born on July 29, to Mr and Mrs Hollis Gray (Ruth Bond) a son, Allen Streeter.

'09 The engagement of Marion Dane to Mr Stanley Judd has been announced.

'11 Ruth Votey Sternbergh (Mrs D. D.) and Mr Sternbergh visited her parents, Dean and Mrs J. W. Votey, Jan. 23-26. After Feb. 1 Mr and Mrs Sternbergh will live in Bethlehem, Pa.

'13 Ruth Brownell of Columbia university visited in Burlington during the Christmas holidays.

'13 Mary Winslow recently entertained the Thetas living in New York City, Theta Baker '12, Ruth Brownell '13, Beatrice Moore '14, and Mabel Watts '15.

'14 Katharine Dewey of Jericho Center was in town to attend the freshman party, Jan. 15.

'14 Beatrice Moore who is studying music in New York City spent Christmas at her home in this place. Miss Moore's address is 214 West 85th st.

'14 Bernice Deyette Marshall (Mrs Frederic) is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs F. A. Deyette.

'15 Ethel Jackson, who is teaching in Johnson, is spending a few days in Burlington.

'15-ex Marjorie Read Grandy (Mrs D. R.) of Racine, Wis. was called to Essex Junction the first of Jan. by the serious illness of her father.

'15 Lou Fullington, a teacher in the Island Pond high school, was a guest in town the last of Dec.

'16 Ethel M. Ward has announced her engagement to Osborne H. Graves, Θ A, Syracuse '13, of Providence, R. I.

'16-ex Grace Scofield of Randolph-Macon woman's college spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Burlington.

'18-ex Hazel Warden Dean (Mrs L. W.) visited her aunt in this city in Dec. Since then Mr and Mrs Dean have been to N. C.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Carnegie hall of chemistry is ready for use, and for the last few weeks our chemistry department has been kept busy moving out of Wilcox hall, where it has been located since the fire of last January. Here at college we have had two basketball games so far, both of which our team has won.

The girls returned from Pittsburgh with glowing accounts of the installation and the hospitality that they enjoyed. As a result the girls who remained at home can give a fairly accurate recital of what took place at Pittsburgh, and wish more than ever that they too had been there.

On their way home from Pittsburgh Miss Green and Mrs. Over-turf made us their promised visit. We gave a tea for them December 9, and the following day Mrs. C. L. Webb entertained us all at a delightful sewing party. We derived much pleasure from our guests' stay of several days, and during that time we managed, with their help, to straighten out a few difficulties, and to make some plans for the future, a few of which have been put into operation even now.

December 11 we pledged Esther Averill, a freshman who entered college too late to be pledged at the regular time. That same evening the seniors of the fraternity gave the rest of us an enjoyable Christmas party, at which each guest received a comical gift, with an appropriate verse attached to it. January 22 our pledges gave a party in the Theta rooms to all the other freshmen in the hall.

31 January 1916

Katherine Carew

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*This letter contained one tabooed word "bid."*]

'89 Florence Fradenburgh Siling (Mrs W. L.) died early this fall.

'92 Alice Crittenden Derby (Mrs Geo.) spent Dec. 7 in Meadville.

'12 Florence McElwain Bashop (Mrs W. E.) died at her home in Sheakleyville early in Dec.

'15 Margaret Simpson was here Dec. 11 to attend the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ party.

'17-ex Rachel Cleveland spent the week-end of Dec. 11 and 12 in Meadville. She attended the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ party while here.

The following attended the installation at the University of Pittsburgh: Blanche Taylor, Agnes Smith, Agnes Robinson, Lilian Fetzner, Janet Simcox, Anna McConnell, Adelaide Singley, Gertrude Simpson, and Mrs C. L. Webb.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The night the men at Nebraska celebrate the victories of the team at a "Cornhusker banquet," the girls have a "Cornhusker costume party." Everyone tries to outdo the others and the resultant attire is wonderful to behold. This year, the party was held December 3, and the discovery of a "bold young man" dressed as a girl, created much excited comment in the newspapers throughout the state. Luckily for him, the adventurer got away from his pursuers that night, but, later, he was expelled from college until January 1.

Miss Mary Graham, Dean of women, was our guest at dinner January 10. She talked to the girls before fraternity meeting, on *What a fraternity girl can do for the university*—stressing the idea that unity and democracy among all women students is vital.

We were happy to have Winifred Limerick, of Alpha Mu, at fraternity meeting, January 24.

Catherine Pierce and Ruth Beecher are new members of the Dramatic club. This is considered very much of an honor, for one must be exceptionally talented in dramatics to be eligible to the club.

Ottola Schurman was pledged January 29.

Eva Miller was chosen by the Publication board, composed mostly of faculty members of the university, as "Woman associate editor" of the *Daily Nebraskan*.

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Eva Miller

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We cut from this letter the misused word "school."*]

'16-ex Juliet Proudfit was married to Howard Harvey, ΣX , Jan. 26.

'15 Louise Bedwell visited us the week-end of Jan. 8.

- '14 Mrs Herbert S. Hare (Aurel Murtey) visited in Lincoln during Dec.
- '14 The engagement of Helen Koehler to George Dutton, B Θ II, was announced in Hastings during the holidays.
- '13 Louise Guthrie was married to Guy Harold Matteson, Feb. 1.
- '15 The engagement of Louise Bedwell to Jean Holland, Δ T, was announced in Dec.
- '16 Florence Angle is engaged to Guy E. Reed, A T Ω.
- '18-ex Leota Simms has scarlet fever.
- '18-ex Marguerite Chase is spending the winter in Cal.
- '13 Magdalene Hahn is teaching domestic science in the Colorado state agricultural school.
- '18 Margaret Laurie has left college on account of ill health.
- '16-ex Anne Shafer is teaching near Oakland, Ill.
- '17-ex Sarah Weston is attending the University of Edmonton, Alberta, Can.
- '16-ex Erma Jones is teaching kindergarten in Omaha.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Sigma envies those of you who are so centrally situated that you can often entertain members of other chapters. The only recent "event of national importance" has been the visit, not official, merely friendly, of Miss Green. I wish you could have seen us passing around fraternity gossip, like so many old ladies at an afternoon tea. Official reports and budgets are valuable sources of information in regard to statistics, constitutional amendments, and the like, but they do not give a very life-like impression. Carlyle would probably put them in the category of "Dry as dust." We enjoyed particularly the news about the early days of the fraternity, and about the new chapters. We might tell you more about what we thought of Miss Green, if we were not afraid that she might come around the corner at almost any moment. It is on record that one of the active chapter, an upperclassman, was heard to remark pensively after the party on Saturday night, "I've said good-bye to Miss Green once, you don't suppose that one could shake hands twice, do you?"

Sigma would be very glad if some of you would publish some detailed hints of how you manage your election of officers under the new system. Do you elect all your officers in December or January? If not, do you not find yourselves choosing as one of your new officers a girl who has still half a term to fill in her old position? We are rather confused, and should be glad of practical suggestions.

A short time ago a production of the *Blue bird* was given at the Central neighborhood house settlement under the management of Dora Mavor '10. Those who were there pronounced it a great success.

1 February 1916

Marjorie Reid

'07 Born in Jan. a son to Dr and Mrs V. E. Henderson (Edith Vander Smissen).

'07 While Mabel Millman Hincks was in New York at Christmas time she saw Daisy Crampton Vanston '04, and Jessie MacCurdy '09.

'09 Ida Carpenter was married on Jan. 3 to Edwin Owen Perry '03, Hamilton college. Their address is 418 West 16th st. New York City.

'09 Edith Atkin is teaching at Riverdale collegiate, Toronto. Her address is 45 Harbord st.

'07 Mabel Steele Grubbe is now living at 21 De Lisle ave. Toronto.

'10 The engagement of Dora Mavor to Captain Francis John Moore, Chaplain of the 83rd Battalion, has been announced. The wedding is to take place shortly.

'11 Betty Graydon Weaver's (Mrs Frank) address is Burgundy, Alexandria, Va.

'12 Blanche Steele is engaged to Lieut. Maurice Helliwell, at present with the Royal army medical corps at Saloniki.

'13 Helen Smellie was in town for a few days.

'14 Daintry Martin after teaching at Collingwood high school for a month has gone back to her position at Guelph high school.

'14 Muriel Cameron is teaching at Toronto technical school. Her address is 194 Bloor st. W.

'18 Margaret Nairn has left college because of the illness of her mother.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

No letter received, February 22, 1916.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Since the last letter to the Journal, Upsilon has been rather quiet as regards social and other activities. During December, two of the college literary societies—Thalian and Theta Epsilon—were entertained at the chapter house, Theta members in the societies acting as entertainment committees.

December 14, the chapter gave the annual Christmas party with the tree and the traditional joke-gifts for each one. Ruth Haynes Carpenter gave the house a dozen after dinner coffee cups to match our new china.

January 3, the Twin City alumnae entertained the active chapter at the house and discussed plans for Founders'-day banquet. I am sorry that this letter must be read in meeting too early to contain an account of this event which means so much in Theta calendars. It is planned to give the banquet at the St. Paul hotel in St. Paul, on January 22. Miss Elizabeth Carse, principal of Northrop collegiate school of Minneapolis, will be the speaker of the evening.

Upsilon has a new house chaperon, Mrs. Katherine Pollak, who is connected with the work of the Associated charities of Minneapolis. Miss Maude Needham, our former chaperon, is leaving Minneapolis to take a position in New York as Assistant secretary of the com-

mittee on criminal court, department for improvement of social conditions.

At present, there is much discussion of the Honor system on the campus, and various organizations are cooperating with the Women's self-government association and the Students' council to increase the students' sense of responsibility regarding it. The system is now in its second year at Minnesota, and the interest in maintaining the highest standards seems to have become less evident.

An event that places the University of Minnesota among the honorable group representing the new dramatic movement toward experimental laboratories in drama, was celebrated in the opening of the Little Theater, December 7. The play *Kindling* was produced on that date by the Masquers, a college dramatic society. Marion White, class of 1918, was a member of the cast.

27 January 1916

Marion Gray

'03 Helen Nind French (Mrs D. K.) has a new address—503 Hawthorne Place, Winnetka, Ill.

'05-ex Born to Eleanor Skinner Kimball (Mrs C. D.) a daughter.

'09 Elva Leonard attended meeting several times in Dec. and Jan.

'11-ex Helen Joyce Grant (Mrs M. E.) is about to move into her new home at 2423 Irving ave. Minneapolis.

'12 The engagement is announced of Ruth Magnuson to Harold Hanson, Φ K Ψ.

'13 Mary Fraser acted as house chaperon for a week in Dec.

'14 Florence Swanson visited meeting Jan. 4.

'15 Elsie Bain, A E, visited meeting Dec 7.

'15 Althea Heitsmith is living at the chapter house. She is now District Visitor for Minneapolis associated charities.

'16 Elizabeth Loomis has been quarantined since Christmas with a mild case of scarlet fever.

'17-ex Helen Decker visited meeting several times in Dec. and Jan.

'18-ex The engagement is announced of Marion White and John McDonald Herbert of Bemidji, Minn.

'18-ex Marion White has cancelled her registration and will go West with her parents for the winter.

There were eighty guests at Founders'-day banquet. Out-of-town guests were: Mrs Bertha Baird, Δ, who is librarian at Mason City, Ia. Bessie Mars of T, Ruth Hobbs and Jessie Nichol Hoyt (Mrs W. H.) of Duluth.

Mrs Lucy, a Theta from Missoula, Mont. was a guest at the chapter house Jan. 21.

Ruth Haynes Carpenter, Miss Cotts and Ruth Magnuson attended Christmas party Dec. 14.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Back from a clear, cold Christmas vacation, Phi plunged into her mid-year rushing season which culminated, with general satisfaction, in the addition, to the fraternity ranks, of three new members, Dorothy Botsford and Katherine Cottle, both from Los Angeles,

and Isabel Young of Albany, Oregon. Initiation will take place in February.

With a sigh of relief, we can write that the long controversy, the unrest and dissatisfaction caused by the previous rushing season, has been settled in the adoption of a new system, which provides for pre-registration day rushing, to begin a week before on the campus, and for what is termed legal bidding—bids from the different houses being sent to the several lawyers chosen for the purpose, who, in turn, receive the three first preferences of the girls being rushed, and then attempt to match them up. The plan will be put into operation next September, for the first time, and, until then, we must hope that this system will include all the virtues and exclude the vices of the older one.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, who succeeds Dr. Branner as president of the university, was formally inaugurated, Saturday, January 22. The impressive service, held in the Memorial church, was attended by throngs of friends, members of the faculty, and those few students privileged by their seniority in the university to be present. The musical numbers, among which was the *Hallelujah chorus* from *The Messiah*, were particularly fine.

On the Friday, previous, the student-body was privileged to enjoy a straight-forward and interesting speech by President Wilbur in which he set forth the future plans for the university, and also to hear read a previously unopened letter of Mrs. Stanford's, expressing her belief in the future of the college.

As a temporary solution of the athletic difficulties existing between the Universities of California and Stanford, a six month peace pact has been entered into, which provides for the continuance of friendly relations in all sports, football excluded, for that space of time.

To turn now from the bustle of events in college life to the honors won within the chapter in the short time between Christmas and the present: Dorothy Kelly, Elizabeth Edwards and Isabel Young have been elected to Schubert club, the woman's vocal society; Florence Stewart is to take two prominent parts in the three half-hour plays to be staged by Masquer's, dramatic society, the evening of February 4. Geraldine Cluff will also take part in the production.

Neither a drenching rain nor damaging wind could hinder the girls from enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Fowler (Elsie Branner), who entertained the chapter and the three pledges at a charming tea, Thursday afternoon, January 27.

29 January 1916

Florence Mason

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Two dates in this letter failed to conform to the *Journal's* style book.]

'15 Margaret Locke has announced her engagement to Sidney Walker, B Θ II.

'14 Born to Mr and Mrs Osborn Wilson (Carol Green) a son, George Osborn, in Dec.

'14 Hazel Green is Y. W. C. A. secretary at Long Beach, Cal.

'15 The marriage of Margaret Hanna to Ralph Whittaker, Δ T, occurred in Jan.

Born to Mr and Mrs Stone (Dorothy Traphagen) a daughter, Martha Lee. Catherine Graham and Beulah Neel spent several days with us last semester.

Mary Bentley, Omega, Pacific coast secretary for Y. W. C. A. was a guest of the house during her short visit on the campus.

Helen Wallace from the University of Nebraska has been affiliated.

The engagement is announced of Dorothea Washburn to Mr Herman Stegman, Δ K E, a prominent athlete at the University of Chicago.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

January 5, saw all of Chi's girls back in Theta house ready for work.

After mid-years comes Senior week. Boar's head presents *The lion and the mouse* at the Wieting, January 31. The following evening is the Senior ball in the Archbold gymnasium which will be attended by most of the chapter. On February 2 will be held many fraternity formals. Second semester begins on February 3.

We are planning to celebrate Founders'-day with the alumnae on February 4.

On December 17 the underclassmen entertained us at a Christmas party with a tree dressed in the customary way. A present from Woolworth's accompanied by appropriate rhymes was received by each girl. Pop-corn balls and cornucopias full of Christmas candies were the refreshments. It was a big success.

The university has recently received, from Mrs. Russel Sage, the gift of a new agriculture building to be erected in memory of her father, Joseph Slocum. At a meeting of the trustees, held December 14, it was decided to place the new building just back of Lyman hall facing College place.

January 11 we entertained our Dean of women, Miss Richards, and her secretary, Miss Tuttle, at dinner, after which Miss Richards gave us a fire-side talk on *Our responsibility*.

30 January 1916

Louise Balsley

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*Too many capitals adorned (?) this letter.*]

'98 Born Dec. 28, 1915, to Dr and Mrs P. Markham (Lena Hoose) a daughter, named Lemoyne Hoose Markham.

'00 Miss Bramon visited the chapter and her niece Helen Bramon '19, early this winter.

'01-ex Lola Lowther entertained the Syracuse university alumnae at a reception, Jan. 29.

'06 Clara Carson is in Yonkers this winter.

'08 Mary Walker Hungerford (Mrs F.) is living in Brooklyn, address 521 Marlborough road.

'10 A daughter was born Jan. 8, to Mr and Mrs Kimball Brown (Ella Baird) of Deposit, N. Y.

Mrs C. N. Sharp, Tau, will soon move from Buffalo to make her home in Syracuse.

'12 Mildred Beard visited the chapter house and attended the rushing party, Jan. 29.

'15 Eunice Congdon is in the art department of the Simonds chair company, Syracuse.

'16 Rebecca Carter entertained very delightfully Dec. 30 at a sewing party.

'16 Chi announces the initiation of Dorothy Rice, Dec. 10.

'16 Esther Wright and Dora Sours '17, attended the Student volunteer conference held at Rochester in Dec.

'16-ex Esther Waldron entertained Chi's seniors at a card party Nov. 30 at the home of her sister Mrs Mulligan.

Mary Clapp Howell (Mrs J. R.) '12, Elsa Volckmann '16, Mildred Kenney '17, Ruth Kenney '17, Alletta Henderson '18, Edith Conger '18, and Helen Volckmann '18-ex, attended a Chi theater party in New York City during the Christmas vacation.

Mildred Kenney '17, Evalyn Payne '18, and Jessie Lewis '18, were guests at the $\Phi \Gamma$ house party, Colgate in Nov.

'19 Alma Hodges visited the $\Phi \Gamma$ house, Colgate.

'19 Rachel Summer entertained in honor of Miss Moran of New York City, Dec. 28.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

On December 13, a few days before we went home for the holidays, the juniors entertained the chapter and alumnae at a Christmas party. The main features of the party were a tree and Santa Claus. Each member was given a favor from the tree accompanied by an appropriate verse read aloud by Santa. Each class and many of the alumnae sent gifts for the house.

This year instead of having a bazaar, the Young Women's Christian association had a booth in the shape of a ship in Lathrop hall for a week before the holidays. Each day two fraternities had charge of the booth and contributed the things sold and the saleswomen. We were in partnership with Gamma Phi Beta and together we cleared \$26. At present the association girls are planning for the jubilee to be held in February, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Young Women's Christian association. There will be a week of banquets, pageants, and mass meetings.

Red Domino, the women's dramatic society, and the Edwin Booth club, the men's dramatic organization, gave their annual play January 14. This year the play was J. M. Barrie's *The Admirable Crichton*. Two of our girls, Marjorie Kinnan and Kathryn Miller, both members of Red Domino, were in the cast. Mildred Starr, also a member of Red Domino, was one of the property managers. We were represented by seven girls in another dramatic event, the Union Vodvil given December 5—a big university event which takes place

every two years. Kathryn Miller, Mildred Starr, and Marjorie Kinnan were in one stunt, while Lois Clark, Georgia Ebbert, Laura Hayward, and Ruth Robertson were in the act which won the first prize.

A petition to initiate freshmen during the second semester of their first year, which originated in the Interfraternity council, has passed both the faculty and the Board of regents of the university. So we are free to initiate our freshmen this semester. The reason for such a petition was that our system of pledging the first of the freshman year and not initiating until the sophomore year, has been found to be very unsatisfactory. It does not, however, necessarily mean that fraternities are compelled to initiate freshmen during the second semester. The time of initiation is left to the decision of each fraternity.

28 January 1916

Mary Ashby

'00 Bertha Brigham Harper (Mrs J. C.) leaves in Feb. for Cal.

'07 Helen Gilman has announced her engagement to Dr Herbert Wing professor of ancient history in Dickinson college, Penn.

'15-ex Marie Hitchens was married to Ralph Crowl, K Σ, Dec. 6, 1915.

'14 Gladys Miller has left with her family for Cal. and Honolulu.

'15 Winifred Rettger has announced her engagement to Harmon Lewis, Φ Γ Δ.

'15 Helen Hadden visited us for a week in Dec.

'15 Margaret Curry will enter the university as a graduate student the second semester.

'15-ex Ada Garber will enter the university this semester.

'17 Gladys Buchner has announced her engagement to Henry Nelson, Σ X, a graduate of Washington university.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The registration in our university this term is greater than it has ever been, and we have stepped proudly into place as the second largest university in the country. Large donations have been made to meet the increased expenses, as well as those of the University extension division.

Then a piece of great good luck has come to us. The foreign authorities of the Exposition have presented us with some handsome gifts. The Japanese government gave us one of their largest buildings, which is to be placed on the campus and filled with the exhibits which they also sent. A very valuable collection of books from the French building is to be given a special room in our library.

Our Christmas party was a great success. It was staged as a cabaret, after which we all gathered about the tree to open the joke presents. We had been told to wear "joy" costumes, and the variety of them offered would have pleased the eye of even the most radical futurist.

The sophomore play, which always celebrates Theta's birthday, is set for January 29 this year. We have been told that there will be a curtain raiser as well as the play, and we are all trying to glean some forbidden information.

It has rained so constantly this term that it has made athletics practically impossible. Track and tennis are our important spring sports, and with our new courts and track field we are impatiently waiting for them to begin.

Something very interesting has happened. The first child in the second generation of Omega Thetas entered the university this term, and we are delighted to have Merodine Keeler a Theta.

Gertrude Bangs

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*This letter had a misplaced clause and non-Journal style-book date.*]

'17 Sepha Pischel has been elected to membership in the honor society, Torch and Shield.

'17-ex Nell Hanniman has taken out a leave of absence for six months.

'18-ex Dorothy Schilling is attending normal school at San José.

'12 Born to Martha Earl Graham, a son, Jan. 23.

'15 Catherine de Motte is spending the winter in St. Paul.

'17-ex Eleanor Banning is taking a general business course in Los Angeles.

'17-ex Mildred Kellog has completed a course in the domestic science school at Santa Barbara.

'18-ex Winifred Tinning has returned to college after a year's leave of absence.

'15 Elizabeth Schilling is teaching in Berkeley.

'17-ex Elizabeth Currier has been studying music this winter.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The Wednesday night before the holidays we had the annual chapter party. As is traditional, the sophomores entertained, and many were the secret conclaves in preparation of the clever gifts, which were a "take off" of each girl. The evening was great fun—one of the happiest chapter events in our crowded college year.

The night before vacation the college enjoyed the hilarious Christmas dinner and dance.

Since the beginning of the year we have tackled our scholarship problem with renewed energy. Dean Meteer visited us early in January, and talked to us informally and very profitably on ways and means that we as Thetas can exert our influence in college life, and live up to our possibilities. After meeting she stayed for the sociable "tea" and chat.

The varsity basketball team is making a brilliant record this season, having defeated Albright, Lebanon Valley, Lafayette, and the Army. Victory was wrested from West Point by the close score

of 16-14. The game with University of Pennsylvania should add further laurels.

On January 10, Mary North Chenoweth '07, gave before the students an interesting lecture on Japanese art, of which she has made a special study. In 1908 Mrs. Chenoweth held the Joshua Lippincott fellowship, studying at Oxford, England.

Our "big" chapter dinner and dance is scheduled for March 18 at Hamilton Court, Philadelphia. We are hoping to see many alumnae back on this great occasion.

27 January 1916

Gladys C. Hall

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*Heading was incomplete and a clause misplaced.*]

'07-ex The engagement of Marjorie W. Mathews to Philip Lamb, Δ T, is announced.

'15 Anna Miller is attending Bank's Business college in Philadelphia.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

After the installation of Alpha Omega, Mrs. Forde made us a visit from which we hope to profit. Among her suggestions to improve this chapter was that we make plans for a chapter room. Since all of our members are town girls a chapter house is almost an impossibility, but we are considering a chapter room and hope to have one by next September, if not before. Not only did we profit by her visit, but enjoyed having her with us and we hope that on her next visit she will see marked improvement.

Our pledge list now numbers eleven, as we have recently pledged Katharine Okey, a Smith graduate, and Elizabeth MacNally, a graduate of Wittenberg, both of who are taking seminar work. Dorothy Breyfogle, a pledge, has been seriously ill at her home in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and will be unable to return this semester. However, we are much encouraged as her condition is now greatly improved and we are anxiously awaiting her return.

Founders'-day this year will be celebrated by the customary dinner given by the active and alumnae chapters. After the dinner a one act play will be given by eight active and alumnae members, at the Wallace conservatory of music.

On February 11 and 12, the Zarzoliars will present a musical comedy *The dreamer of dreams*. Two Thetas will have parts. Thetas seem to turn to dramatics.

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Corinne Putnam

Born to Mr and Mrs Bruce T. Work (Urna Sarles) a son.

Mrs Archibald Scott (Alice March) spent three months visiting in Columbus this fall.

Mr and Mrs John Eastman (Helen Sohl) of Wellesley, Mass. announce the birth of a son, John, jr.

Gretchen Frantz was married Jan. 3, 1916, to Harry Runkle, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Mrs Kendal Overturf will leave Jan. 22, for Cincinnati, where she will make an official visit.

'14 Helen Barnhill was married to Wayne F. Lee, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, on Dec. 14, 1915. Address: 240 Riverside Apartments, Dayton, Ohio.

'15 Mrs Charles Snyder (Hazel Shook) of Chicago, Ill. spent the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Field Van Meter (Florence Minister) and son were here for Christmas with Mrs Van Meter's mother.

'15 Ruth Segrist is spending the winter with Mr and Mrs Hugh Lee (Ruth Horton) at Timmons, Ontario.

The wedding of Catharine Williard to J. Stanton Mossgrove, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, will take place March 31, 1916.

Elizabeth Lyons, Helen Frame, and Phyllis Whitehill, have been chosen for the social committees for the senior, junior, and freshman classes, respectively.

Helen Patton has been chosen to Mortar board, a senior honorary society.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

The topic of most vital importance to fraternity girls at Goucher, is the discussion of next year's rushing rules. The non-fraternity spirit is becoming so strong, and scholarship is being stressed to such a degree, that it is up to the fraternity girls to "make good," to prove themselves of active worth in the college. A mass Panhellenic meeting, of students and alumnae, was held on December 8, for the discussion of this question. As a result of this discussion, Goucher Panhellenic decided to adopt the four-day rushing plan, with pledge-day before matriculation. The details of this plan have not yet been worked out. It is hoped that, in this way, rushing will interfere neither with college activities, nor with scholarship.

December brought about two changes in our active chapter. On December 8, we were happy to initiate Virginia Davis, '17, into our chapter. After initiation we had an informal party in the cozy-corner. Just one week after this, on December 15, we had another such party. This did not mark, however, such a happy occasion, for this was our farewell party to Charlotte Williams '17, who will spend the next three years near Sidney, Australia. We have missed her so very much during this past month. Mary Colt '16, who was out of college during the first semester because of illness, has returned.

The most important event during December was the entertainment given by the juniors to the freshmen, a performance of *The Amazons*, in which Virginia Davis '17, distinguished herself as Lady Castlejordan. Goucher has started a weekly and if we can judge by the first two copies, the publication will be one of which we can be justly proud.

Founders'-day was celebrated by a most delightful tea given by several of the alumnae to the alumnae, active girls, and pledges.

31 January 1916

Flora Winkelman

'03 Ethel Elmer is visiting in New York and Porto Rico till spring.

'07 Mr and Mrs Edward L. Moreland (Francina Campbell) have moved from Boston and are now making their home in Philadelphia. Address: 226 S. 11th st.

'07 Christie Y. Dulaney is at the head of the work among factory girls of Baltimore, that is being done in preparation for the coming of Mr William Sunday.

'09 Mary Ward is registrar in the dispensary of the hospital of the University of Maryland.

'13 Marjorie Day visited Helen Frisch during the Christmas holidays.

'15 Helen Frisch has a position in the extension work of the Y. M. C. A. of Baltimore.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Alpha Eta is planning several things for the end of January. We have invited Miss Knox to be with us then. What our girls who went to convention say of her has made us even more eager than usual to know our new District president. We are going to have a Founders'-day banquet Thursday night, a tea for Miss Knox Friday afternoon, initiation Friday night, luncheon and fraternity meeting Saturday. The Tri Deltas are going to entertain Miss Knox and the Theta juniors and seniors at luncheon on Friday.

For the last few Saturday afternoons we have been having get togethers for the pledges and active girls at the homes of different town members. The main feature of these gatherings has been the singing of fraternity songs. We have simple refreshments, tea and sandwiches.

During the Christmas holidays the law department of Vanderbilt was moved from down in the city to the West campus. This will certainly prove beneficial to the university, since now, all departments except the medical and dental, are together on one big campus. Those two have a big campus to themselves.

A student council has just been formed. This council carries out student government which we believe will greatly benefit the university.

Ellen Duffy '17, made the girls' basketball team.

24 January 1916

Elise Chase

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We corrected two misused words, and altered the sequence of several clauses to make this letter say what it evidently was meant to say.]

'16-ex Roberta Dillon has just returned from New York where she went to attend grand opera.

'14 Sadie Shofner was with us last Saturday and is coming back for initiation next Friday.

'17-ex Elizabeth Cooke will be with us during Miss Knox's visit.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

On January 3, all of the girls returned to college brimful of Christmas festivities, and happy to be back in Austin again, and to add to our joy, Dr. Parlin relieved all of last term's anxieties by sending us an official notice that the Thetas had made the required scholarship average, and could initiate whenever they chose. This announcement was followed by the initiation on Monday morning, January 17, at six o'clock, and it was cold, too! The seven pledges initiated were Margaret Rennie, Sophia Hudson, Margaret Myrick, Grace Ball, Dorothy Bertrand, Anna Bartholomew, and Johnnie White. And there were never seven girls more proud to wear the kite, or more enthusiastic in their Thetahood. The initiation is to be celebrated soon by our annual banquet, and by a stunt party given to the upperclassmen by the pledges.

For the fall term, Alpha Theta is pleased to have published on the honor list the following: Helen Beckler, Lucille Davis, Doris Connolly, and Grace Lightfoot. The two latter are pledges. Many others made excellent grades, but the strict B+ average kept their names from the honor roll.

On January 11, Marguerite Calfee '09, was married to Mr. A. M. McAfee. They will make their home in Port Arthur. For a number of years, Mrs. McAfee has been connected with the Registrar's office; and she has been our inspiration, and our guide in living up to the ideals of Theta. Alpha Theta will miss her greatly.

The eighteen alumnæ in Austin have organized an alumnæ chapter; and they have been granted a charter. Louise Storey '15, was elected president.

The seven Theta residents of Marshall have organized a Theta club with Shirley Walz as president. They entertained with a banquet during the Christmas holidays. They hope to have an alumnæ chapter as soon as they have a sufficient number.

20 January 1916

Margaret Myrick

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Two misspelled words, the tabooed "school" and incorrect date forms marred this letter.]

Cornelia Keasby went to Washington in Dec. to be the guest for a month of Miss Jane Gregory, daughter of the Attorney General.

Vera McNew has withdrawn from college, and gone to Chicago to study music.

Katherine Talbot and Lucille Burnett have returned to Calvert.

Elaine Lewis was in Austin this week.

Lucy Johnson, who has been ill in Seton Infirmary, has returned to San Marcos.

Mary Gilson is teaching in San Antonio.

Emma Lake of Marshall is visiting in Ft. Worth.

'10 Lal Pierce was married on Nov. 4 to Mr Milton Lathrop, jr. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. They will make their home in Marshall.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Alpha Iota is now looking forward to the second semester, when a new system of limited rushing will be used. With this system each fraternity has an opportunity to know the rushee better; and she, in turn, can become better acquainted with each fraternity. The plan, we hope, will prove successful, in which case it will become permanent.

Another woman's fraternity, Tau Upsilon, has been added at Washington. It was organized in December; and with the increased number of women attending the university there is ample material for this additional organization.

The second week in December was quite a busy one for our freshmen. On Monday evening, December 6, the sophomores of the chapter introduced them to the men of the university at an informal dance. During the remainder of the week, much whispering among the freshmen, and many secret meetings indicated that they were planning stunts which were to be disclosed when they entertained us with their Katsup on Saturday evening, December 11. The girls of the chapter had been requested to wear evening dress, but instead we dressed as little girls, in short skirts, and with hair laboriously curled, or braided in pigtails. At half-past five we rang the doorbell, and were escorted upstairs to be met by one of the pledges in a maid's costume, who helped us out of our coats and gave us checks for them. The first floor was arranged as a restaurant, with fascinating little tables decorated with yellow candles, and clever menu cards. Two of the pledges, as head waiter and waitress, served us, while the rest gave us a cabaret. The first number was a ballet by four girls whose costumes, if scant, were very effective. Then there were songs, as atrocious as the girls' voices could make them, by a gentleman from the Bowery and his lady friend; and after that a really artistic dance by one of the girls in a fire costume. The Doolittle twins also entertained us with a funny jig, and a manager with his signora gave us marvelous demonstrations of mind reading. After dinner we sat in a circle in the dark and talked and sang Theta songs.

Then everyone was busy with Christmas preparations until December 28, when we gave our annual Christmas party. There was a tree on which was a joke gift, with an appropriate verse, for each one. At this party we were very much pleased to have with us Leone Merritt and Juanita Richardson from Delta chapter.

But with all our parties we could not forget our mothers, so on the afternoon of January 6, we gave an entertainment for them in the fraternity rooms. The program was in the form of a musicale, displaying all our talent.

When college opened after the holidays, two of our girls were unable to return on account of illness. They are Ruth Horton, sophomore, and Emily Logan, a pledge. We miss both of them, and hope they will be able to return next fall.

28 January 1916

Lucile Logan

'13 The marriage of Elsie Hoolan and Blake Howard, K Σ, occurred Jan. 28, 1916.

'15 The engagement of Jeanette Jennings and Henry Clay Patterson, B Θ II, was announced on Dec. 28.

'16 The engagement of Hildegard Wulfin and James R. Morris was announced by cards sent out on Christmas day.

The engagement of Helen Anderson and W. F. Jenkins, Σ X, was announced on New Year's day.

'16-ex Mr and Mrs William Morin (Florence Bassford) of Albert Lea, Minn. visited in St. Louis during Jan.

'17 Leonora Woodward, who is attending Missouri university this year, visited us during the holidays.

Katharine Kaiser and Barbara Abel, Kappa, and Vivian Kirkpatrick, Alpha Mu, visited us on Jan. 14.

Ruth Horton and Helen Banister took part in two Christmas plays presented by Thyrsus Club—*The cricket on the hearth*, and *Lend me five shillings*.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

Naturally the first item of importance to write about is initiation, which occurred on January 14, when we were very happy to receive our five new sisters: Evelyn Gertner, Adele Gertner, Dorothy McDonald, Marion Murphy, and Helen Tiebout. We were also very glad to initiate Helen Waldo for Alpha Psi chapter.

Alpha Kappa is very eagerly planning for a dance to be held on February 21, in the college, for the benefit of the Auxiliary, which helps support one of the college houses.

On Saturday, January 22, Ruth Knowles entertained a number of Alpha Kappa at a card party at her home.

A Theta luncheon was held at the Hotel Breslin on Saturday, January 29, under the auspices of the New York alumnae chapter. A number of our girls were present and had a very enjoyable time.

We will soon recommence our rushing season for the girls who enter college in February.

31 January 1916

Adine Gomers

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—All date forms were incorrect in this letter.]

'15 Harriet Smith was elected to the honorary society which is hoping to be installed as a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The heaviest snowfall that Seattle has known for years has been a great treat. The campus looks like fairyland and every night the boulevard rings with the laughter of college people out "sliding."

We are to have matriculation pledging again next semester, and the initiation and banquet for our September freshmen will be held on the first Saturday of the new term.

Two Alpha Lambda girls, Martha Knapp and Gladys Johnson, who spent the first semester in California, are reentering the university for the rest of the year.

The old girls are brushing up the finest masculine gallantry that they can muster in order to be Beau Brummels at the Coed informal, which will be given for the incoming freshmen.

Three girls were taken into the fraternity in December. Two Alpha Lambda pledges, Katherine Kerr and Elizabeth Drummond, and May Elsie Calkins, who was a member of the local in Purdue.

The freshmen entertained the alumnæ and active chapter, at our Christmas tree celebration, with a vaudeville performance. The program consisted of a number by the "Waiter's dishunion" orchestra and a ballet of the "Slippery Sylphs," followed by a playlet.

Panhellenic is discussing the question of buying all supplies for fraternity houses through a graduate dietician. The plan is to pay the dietician eight dollars a week and to have all supplies sent to each house a week before the time of consumption, in order to insure their meeting with the approval of the house manager. It is thought that this plan, if successfully worked out, will be an aid to economy and efficiency in management.

Marjorie Kohlman

Jeannette Dall has announced her engagement to Joseph Eggert, of Seattle. Married, Jan. 8, Effie Cordz and Gilbert Drake MacLaren, Σ X.

Ruth Axtell Hussey has been visiting Effie Cordz MacLaren during her stay in Seattle.

Gladys Meenach has announced her engagement to William Perry Taylor, of Seattle.

Gladys Street has announced her engagement to Monroe Jones, Δ T Δ, of Seattle.

Laura Freezer has been visiting in Seattle.

Born to Mr and Mrs J. B. Bliss (Sophie Hogue) a daughter, Dec. 16.

Bertha Heffner has announced her engagement to O. T. McWhorter, Δ T Ω, of Pullman.

Gladys Gay is doing kindergarten work in Minneapolis.

Helen Calhoun has returned from California.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

January has simply flown by and it seems scarcely a day since the Christmas holidays.

We had our usual Christmas dinner at the house on the Tuesday before vacation, and we all enjoyed it immensely. The toasts by representatives from each class were very clever, as were also the little rhymes which accompanied the presents. Leonora Woodward and Hazel Evans had charge of the presentation of the gifts, and all of the "hits" really hit. There were a number of real presents, too—a sandwich plate from Mrs. Grigsby, several records for our victrola, and a beautiful standing lamp from the freshmen.

Immediately after the holidays, we began work on our dance, which we plan to give February 11. Every week-end we all get together to work, and the house is beginning to resemble a flower garden, for decorations are put in every available space.

Just now the university women are greatly interested in the question of a women's building and are organizing for the purpose of trying to obtain one. The Young Women's Christian association is to have a jubilee during February to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, and it is to be hoped that before it has another, there will be a fine new building in which it may hold its meetings.

Margaret Mumford was recently asked to become an honorary member of the Cosmopolitan club at the university. She is the only university woman upon whom this honor has been conferred.

28 January 1916

Helena Wilbur

'07 Faye Stewart is teaching in Dallas, Tex.

'12 Lulu Turner will teach in Kirkwood, Mo. next term.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Six new pledges and we are so happy. Doris Robinson, Gretchen Van Cleve, Hazel Baird, Charlotte Plummer, Cleora Logan and Frances Falck were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta on February 1. It was a wonderful day, and after the pledge service, the college members entertained the pledges and alumnæ at a banquet. Eight small tables were set in two rooms of the chapter house, and five courses served. The tables were dainty with red tulips and white narcissus, and place cards of Kappa Alpha Theta. Theta songs were sung between the courses, and the new girls smiled with happiness.

The last rushing party was a *matinée* leap year dance given in the Florence hotel ballroom, between the hours of three and seven.

Lunch was served all during the afternoon at little tables arranged at one end of the hall. The active members and alumnae entertained about fifty guests.

Now that the long rushing season is over, the girls of Alpha Nu will enjoy the wonderful spring time that comes early in Missoula. All the girls were successful in the semester examinations and a majority of the pledges, as well as members, made the honor roll.

Chancellor E. C. Elliott, late of the University of Wisconsin, arrived in Missoula the last of January. Chancellor Elliott will remain in Missoula at the university until the end of February, afterward he will make Helena, Montana his headquarters. The students and faculty of the University of Montana welcome Chancellor Elliott, and with him will work for bigger and better Montana institutions of higher education.

26 January 1916

M. Margaret Garvin.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*Dates in incorrect form and a failure to spell alumnae correctly marred this letter.*]

'11 Louise Smith was married to Cecil Frank Dobson, Jan. 1, in Wilmette, Ill.

Fay Kent Carpenter, Jamestown, N. D. is the mother of a little boy, born in Dec.

'09 Effie Cordz was married in Jan. to Gilbert J. McLaren, Σ X.

'09 Minta McCall Bonner left on Jan. 29 for a trip through California.

'09 Mrs John Lucy (Fan Hathoway) is visiting in Chicago.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

"The hours pass quickly, they come as swiftly." Indeed, too true, of college hours in particular.

During Christmas vacation several social events took place in Portland, Oregon. On December 30, the alumnae entertained for the college Thetas at the home of Mrs. C. A. Hart, with a buffet luncheon. The Panhellenic association, of which Maurine McAdam '15 Rho, is president, assembled at the Hotel Benson on December 29. Agnes Hutchins, alumna from Phi, acted in the capacity of toast-mistress. On the same day, the college Thetas entertained eighteen guests with a matinée followed by a tea at the Portland hotel.

The twelve college Thetas living in the university town, Eugene, gave a dance and slumber party at the chapter house for a number of high school senior students, during the holidays.

Mrs. Gerlinger, the woman member of the Board of regents of the University of Oregon, is working most earnestly in the interests of the prospective women's building. She has been responsible for the

pledging of money from women's clubs all over the state and recently she discovered in the books of the university, "loose change" amounting to approximately one thousand dollars, which had been appropriated to departments now abolished. The Board voted to place this money in the fund for the building. Mrs. Elmer Moller (Frances Obertauffer '10) is chairman of a committee to raise funds for this building, in her home town, Hood River.

Forty thousand dollars has been appropriated for a building to be erected on the campus before next September. The departments of law and education will be accommodated by this building.

We are proud that twenty girls of Alpha Xi are Young Women's Christian association members. Ruth Fraley, who is vice-president, is chairman of the Young Women's Christian association Jubilee banquet committee.

Delta Theta Phi, one of the four national legal fraternities in the United States, was installed at the university on January 15.

Another year in the history of Kappa Alpha Theta is almost past and we pause, for a moment, while we remember with gratitude, the Founders of our fraternity. Bless them!

25 January 1916

Ruth Roche

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*Too many capitals, unfortunate abbreviations and a wrong use of "active" marred this letter.*]

We are glad to have Mrs Matella Druley DeBusk, Beta '04, living here. Mr DeBusk is a professor of education in the university.

'08 Born to Dr and Mrs J. E. Kuykendall (Winifred Hadley) a son, John Eberle, jr. June 28, 1915.

'06 Mrs Clifford W. Brown (Alice Bretherton) has returned to her home at Salem, Ore. from an extended trip East.

'11 Mrs Ben. R. Chandler (Cecile Wilcox) visited the chapter in Nov.

'12 Mrs Charles M. Taylor (Mary De Bar) of Vancouver, Wash. was in Eugene for Christmas.

'12 Jane Knox was with us on Home-coming day.

'13-ex Rae Zimmerman and Paul F. Wilson are to be married in the latter part of Feb. Their home will be in Madero, Cal.

'12 Maurine McAdam, Rho, has announced her engagement to Harold L. Temple '15, Kappa Sigma from Nebraska.

'13-ex Frances Adams visited us in Jan. She is taking a short course in home economics at Oregon agricultural college.

'15 Gertrude Taylor is teaching Spanish and English in the high school at Brownsville, Ore.

'16 Palm Cowden is attending Washington state college.

'17 Maude Newberry will return to college the second semester.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

We are looking forward with interest to Founders'-day luncheon which is to take place at the Skirvin hotel in Oklahoma City January 29. We are expecting a grand reunion of the Thetas from all over the state.

We have added two names to our pledge list: Alberta Connor of Purcell, pledged December 14, and Hilda Gatewood of Vinita, pledged January 24. Initiation has been planned for February 19, at which time a number of our alumnae will be with us.

Alpha Omicron was unfortunate in losing one of her strongest girls when Corrine Breeding did not return after the holidays. She accepted a position as assistant principle of the high school at Council Hill, Oklahoma. Lorena Cruce will leave college at the end of this semester, but will return in the spring to receive her B.A. degree.

A new fraternity has been welcomed into our midst since the writing of the last letter, Alpha Chi Omega was installed January 14, 1916. On Saturday morning we gave them chocolate at the chapter house. Two of their grand officers were present.

At the recent elections, Margaret Goodrich was elected to the office of secretary of the freshman class. Neva Rogers is a member of the *Sooner* staff. An Inter-fraternity dancing club, with six girls from each of the five fraternities, has been organized with a Theta as its first president.

We are represented on the basketball teams as follows: junior team, Ruth Tolbert and Margaret Coleman; sophomore team, Leona Galbreath and Maurine Butler.

25 January 1916

Frances Broach

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Unjustified capitals and incorrect date forms marred this letter.]

Married: Freda M. Reid and Ray Dawson, B Θ II. Address: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Married: Louise Hatchett and C. E. Clymer. Address: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Maurine Butler will not be in college the second semester.

Marion Brooks is secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Duluth, Minn.

Born to Mr and Mrs Haney (Carrie Brydia) a daughter, Elizabeth, Jan. 15, 1916.

Born to Mr and Mrs Manning Moore, a daughter, Elaine Louise, Dec. 17, 1915.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Since the last letter we have moved into a house, not our very own, for we rent it. Nevertheless the Theta house is the only women's fraternity house here. It is just across the street from the campus. Seven of the girls are living in it now, and there will be eight next semester. Ruth Soule's mother is our house-mother and so we think we are very fortunate.

Our Christmas tree party took the form of a shower for the house and as a result we found ourselves in possession of cups and saucers, sofa pillows, pictures, kitchen utensils, et cetera. On Saturday, Janu-

ary 22, our patronesses surprised us with a shower of fresh rolls, preserves, and other good things.

The Sock and buskin society is observing the Shakespeare ter-centenary in all its meetings this year. An interesting feature of the next program will be a talk on reminiscences of Stratford-on-Avon by Professor Perrott, who was born there and attended the grammar school in which Shakespeare received his early education.

The women of the university are to give a Leap-year party on January 29. It will be informal except that programs will be used. The women insist that they are going to show the men how to do things for one evening. Helen Lynch is on the committee of arrangements.

The university was saddened on January 22 by the news of the death of former President Merrifield who had given twenty-five years of his life in loving service to the university. His step-daughter, Clara Bull (Vassar '12) is an alumna of Alpha Pi. We have just heard of the death of Miss Leonard's father, and we all sympathize with our District president in her sorrow.

February 15 has been set by Panhellenic as second semester pledgeday for those who are sophomores for the first time. There will be no formal rushing at this time. We are still hoping for second semester pledging of freshmen, even though it will mean two strenuous rushing seasons for this year.

28 January 1916

Winifred Nelson

'13 (Vassar) Ruth Whithed has been in the West for the last few weeks. She and her parents have now sailed for Honolulu.

'15 Ethel Renwick is now deputy superintendent of schools in Pembina county.

'15 Jessie Grassick is travelling in the South with her father. They expect to visit New Orleans for the Mardi Gras.

'15-ex Ethel Harris has been very ill with typhoid fever at her home in Crookston, Minn.

'16-ex Harriet Carrier also has been very ill but has now fully recovered.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Alpha Rho headed the scholarship list, for women's fraternities, for 1914 and 1915.

Our bazar, held the last of December, was a great success. We feel very grateful to our alumnae members, both in Vermilion and those in other localities, for their assistance, as such assistance was one of the big causes of the bazar's success.

Anna Moe and Edine Rowe were initiated December 14.

We have two local fraternities this year, who are petitioning for national charters, the Kappa Phi Alpha and Phi Gamma Phi.

On the morning of December 3, we learned of the sad news of the death of President Slagle's wife.

Dorothy Chaney has an important part in the sophomore class play, *Green Stockings*.

Ethel Fleming is a member of the *Volante* staff.

Genevieve Kelley is vice-president of the debating board of control.

Mildred Gold, Jennie Maule, Edine Rowe and Clara Olston take part in the musical comedy, *The tuneful liar*, which will be given in February.

The first of December our pledges gave a theater party for all the college chapter, after which they served a lunch at the home of Juliet Lien.

The first Panhellenic dance was given by the men on December 11.

On January 13, Anna Dell Morgan, with the assistance of Miss Baldrick, gave a very interesting recital. Miss Morgan is a graduate of Leland Powers school of expression.

The first women's Panhellenic will be held February 12.

In the fall we pledged six new girls. Pledging followed after two weeks of rushing. We plan to initiate our pledges between semesters. They must be taking at least twelve hours of work at the time of initiation, and must be above grade in all twelve hours.

The May festival will be given early in the spring by the department of Public speaking and the College of music. The cast is already selected and are all working hard. Anna Dell Morgan will play the part of "Helena."

Our past rushing season was very successful and cost us about fifty dollars.

'16 Winifred Michel returned to the university after Christmas and will finish at the end of the year.

'15 Laura Lotze spent the holidays with her parents in this city.

'12 Ann and Raeburn Gilchrist spent Christmas visiting friends in Vermilion.

31 January 1916

Genevieve Kelley

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Two misspelled words, a wrong use of "active" and some unnecessary verbiage marred this letter, which seems to make no distinction between body of the letter and *alumnæ* notes.]

ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Theta sisters, let us introduce to you eleven of the finest freshmen in Washington state college. Our new pledges: Mildred and Dorothy McMaster, Vancouver, Washington; Dorothy Hinnman, Everett,

Washington; Marie MacGregor, Christine Crites, Mildred Hardy, Spokane, Washington; Cecil Benjamin, Great Falls, Montana; Lorena Ferrier, Tacoma, Washington; Vera Barnard, Los Angeles, California; Verla Strausz, North Yakima, Washington; and Vernon Barnes, Silver Lake, Washington. Being a very enthusiastic group of freshmen they began immediately to learn as much as possible about Theta, by asking questions, and holding pledge meetings during the time of the college chapter meetings.

Christmas vacation found the Theta house open with six girls to enjoy the holidays, and enjoy them they did, to such an extent, that the furnace boy declared that "them girls upstairs didn't know what night was for." Everyone was glad to be back at work, though. We think that college with all its joys and sorrows is very much worth while after all.

Dr. Ernest O. Holland, our new president, took his office the first week in January. For some time all interest has been centered on him, and it may well be said that he has not been found wanting. Should the future of Washington state college be as bright as the present time promises we shall know that the faith we have already given Dr. Holland has not been misplaced.

We were more than pleased to have with us on Founders'-day, Mrs. Gifford of Beta, sister of President Holland. This gave us an excellent opportunity to welcome her personally, both as a Theta, and as "the first lady of the college," for such she is at the present time. Our Founders'-day celebration was a splendid get together. One of the alumnae gave the history of our local Pi Delta Phi, and one of the college members talked of Theta, its founding and history. The chapter roll spell down was great fun, and resulted in a draw between a pledge and a senior. In the midst of Mrs. Kruegel's story of Pi Delta Phi, "Kap" arrived home again—"Kap" is the Theta dog, a little Boston bull, who had been "lost, strayed stolen" since the New Year—whereupon all proceedings ceased in order that he might be duly welcomed again into our family circle. Theta songs, and a delightful cafeteria luncheon, served on our dainty new Kappa Alpha Theta dishes ended the afternoon for us.

31 January 1916

Ella Alexander

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Using "active" for "College," spelling freshmen with a capital, reformed spelling and a slang sentence were faults of this letter.]

'16 Gladys Persels has been elected to Gamma Tau, the honor society for upperclassmen.

'18 Dena Whiteman was elected secretary of the sophomore class.

'19 Lorena Ferrier was elected secretary of her class.

'17 Clementine Prior is captain of the junior girls' basketball team.

'14 Grace Baker has accepted a position in Boise, Idaho, as Director and manager of the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria. Address: 522 Franklin st.

'10 Bess Fishback was married to James Earl Butler in Sept. at her home in Olympia. They are at home in Waitsburg, Wash.

'07 Mabel Baker Hooker (Mrs Arthur) visited her parents in Pullman during the holidays. Address: El Paso, Tex. in care of Chamber of Commerce.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs James O. Blair (Dora Gombert) a son, James, jr.

'07 Born to Mr and Mrs Robert E. Gay (Olga Todd) January 6, 1916, a son Robert, jr.

'15 Marion Gray spent the holidays at the chapter house.

'11 Marguerite Wilmer is teaching piano in the music department of St. Augustine's school in Spokane, Wash.

'07 Maud Putnam is an assistant in the Yesler branch library in Seattle. Address: 35 Monmouth Apts.

Charlotte Malotte (Mrs W. C. Kruegel) Beta, accompanied her husband, who is graduate manager of athletics at Washington state college, to Pasadena to see the Brown-W. S. C. football game New Year's day.

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Our pledge day is coming, tra la, tra la! Do you wonder that we are eagerly waiting for the all important day to arrive? February 12, it will be!

Our two rush parties are over. The first, in December, was held at Saradelle Emerson's home. We entertained the freshmen by a short vaudeville program. There appeared "Madame Strongasanux," famous actors from the film companies, and "a song bird of three continents." The weight of one of our alumnae was most marvellously reduced! The program wound up with the Alpha Tau band. Then, we danced, had tea and sang our favorite Theta songs.

Our last party was a luncheon at Dorothy Jones' attractive new home. We were all overjoyed at having Mrs. Overturf, our District president, with us on that day. The six freshmen from last year, dressed as French maids, served the luncheon. (I really think that we maids had a better time than those dignified upperclassmen!) Each freshman received a small corsage bouquet of yellow roses, tied with our Theta colors. After lunch, we danced and, then, later in the afternoon, each girl donned a frilly crêpe paper apron of black and gold, adorned with black K A @'s on yellow pockets, all preparatory to an old-fashioned candy pull. Then the tired "pullers" sat around the big log fire and ate the results of their labor. Our accomplished convention sisters played their ukuleles and our Theta songs seemed lovelier than ever sung to that accompaniment in the soft firelight glow.

But I must leave this all engrossing subject and tell you a little about our Christmas vacation, which now seems so long ago! We had a beautiful party for ourselves during the holidays and played

at being youngsters once more. The Christmas dinner dance at the Sinton, every one hailed as a great success.

We are very glad to announce the installation of the Xi chapter of Delta Zeta and to welcome them into the Greek world of our university.

28 January 1916

Mary Corre

'14 Roberta Whallon and William Candill were married Dec. 31.

'17 Saradelle Emerson and Dudley Sadler, Σ A E, have announced their engagement.

Mrs Overturf, Alpha Gamma, is spending the week in Cincinnati.

Katherine Dabney and Margaret Rucker were in Cincinnati for the Christmas holidays.

Eleanor Adams, of the Cincinnati alumnae and a Ph.D. from Yale, is the head of the English department at Oxford college, Oxford, Ohio.

ALPHA UPSILON—WASHBURN COLLEGE

The memory of Christmas should not slip away so soon for it brought many gifts and greetings to Alpha Upsilon. The greatest gift came from Topeka alumnae—a receipt for the taxes on our lots amounting to \$36. They raised the money for this at a delightful "White Elephant" sale which the active chapter enjoyed attending.

One rather unique event of this month was a "Living picture" exhibition given by the Fine arts department of the college. Theta was very well represented in this performance.

The Federation of clubs of Topeka is making preparations for a musical comedy to be given in early February. Washburn students make up a large part of the chorus and our Ruth Koester has the title lead, "Miss Nancy."

It will be a gay time for us between semesters this year. We are giving our pledges and their men friends a dinner on the evening of the last day of examinations and on the following day Topeka alumnae has invited us from four to six to celebrate Founders'-day.

The Young Women's Christian association has elaborate plans for the big February Jubilee. Of course, what concerns the Young Women's Christian association concerns Theta because so many of our girls are active in this work.

Washburn day with its receptions, speeches and banquet also comes in February. So you see there is no dearth of duty and pleasure in Washburn at this season.

25 January 1916

Gracia P. Wood

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Abbreviations marred one paragraph of this letter.]

'12 Louise Heath made us a little visit in Jan. She was a delegate to the Educational association meeting, representing the schools of Chanute, Kan.

'14-ex Mary Alexander was initiated into Alpha Upsilon on Jan. 22.

'15-ex Word has been received from Mr and Mrs Warren Crumbine (Beulah Searle) that they have taken a house in Shanghai for the season. Their address is 15 Ford Lane.

'17-ex Ruth Smith of the Fine arts department has gone to Oberlin to study voice during the spring semester.

Miss Baxter, Gamma, was a guest at our January alumnae meeting.

'17 Violet Crumbine has returned from a trip to California. She went as accompanist for a concert group who were making a tour of the Santa Fé reading rooms.

ALPHA PHI—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

Santa Claus must have had to wade knee-deep in snow to reach the most of you all but the use of a parasol was more to the point down here where we had a sunny Christmas with the mildest weather imaginable. Everyone went home to spend this happy time. Some of the acquaintances we made at convention were delightfully renewed by the exchange of cards and greetings.

We celebrated our return to college with a party to our rushees whom we entertained with a make-believe day at college. They were conducted to the different classes where the girls entertained them by imitating the more renowned professors. At last lunch hour was celebrated by serving refreshments.

The Dramatic club gave its annual play in the college hall. This year the presentation was Emma Hunting's *Betty's ancestors*. Adèle Drouet was in the cast. Basketball season has begun and the schedule of interclass games promises much excitement for several Saturdays to come. The scholarship cup given by Chi Omega was won by Pi Beta Phi.

Alpha Phi finds the study program both of interest and of educational value. It furnishes such a splendid opportunity for getting a broad outlook on fraternity and college matters in general. All this information thus taken, in broken doses as it were, is much more beneficial than any amount of cramming for one special time.

All Thetas accept our greetings for the New Year and let us share with you our resolution to make 1916 a prosperous Theta year.

25 January 1916

Adèle Drouet

Thelma Barkdull has returned from a visit to Alpha Theta.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs O. Catoire (Flavia Hereford) a son.

ALPHA CHI—PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Although the Christmas holidays seem quite remote in the rush and excitement during the close of the semester we cannot forget the events of that time. This year we digressed from our custom of personal gifts and had a house benefit. The alumnae in their usual thoughtfulness surprised us with many beautiful gifts, too.

After all the presents were unwrapped the freshmen gave their stunt. The first was a little solo dance and song. Next was an act entitled, *As you see us*, cleverly carried out by the girls dressed in housemaids' costume, carrying mops, brooms, and dust pans and singing a little song, *We're at your service girls*. The third *As we see you* was a series of shadow pictures and an original poem read behind the screen explaining the characters. It was all received with great applause. Then to finish up our party with the real Christmas spirit we dressed twenty dolls for charity.

We celebrated Founders'-day on January 27 at the home of Bird Goslee Crockett (Mrs. F. S.) by a joint meeting with the alumnæ. The alumnæ gave many interesting and amusing incidents of their chapter life.

Recently the girls in Purdue have advanced in two ways. A membership has been granted in the Student council for one senior girl to be active and a junior as observer to fill the place next year. Women have also been invited to take part in the play given annually by the Harlequin club. The girls are very grateful to the student body for this recognition.

We regret very much that two of our girls are unable to return this semester. Mildred Severson has accepted a position as secretary to the Principal of the Lafayette high school and Helen Knox is not able to return because of illness in her family.

Alpha Chi sends best wishes for a successful semester to each and every chapter.

29 January 1916

Philena Palmer

ALPHA PSI—LAWRENCE COLLEGE

It was always a custom of Kappa Upsilon to give a party a few days before the Christmas vacation. We decided to continue this custom as Thetas, and our annual party was held on Wednesday evening December 16, at the city Young Women's Christian association. It was an enjoyable affair, with about thirty-five alumnæ, actives and pledges present. Gifts, strewn under the big, electrically lighted Christmas tree, were distributed shortly after the six o'clock dinner. Two talks were given on Christmas spirit, after which Alpha Psi was presented with a silver loving cup by the alumnæ, to promote excellency in scholarship among freshmen. The evening ended in singing Theta songs and dancing.

On January 8, Panhellenic entertained the non-fraternity girls of our college at a costume party in the Alexander gymnasium. The afternoon was spent in dancing, and all present agreed that it was a splendid method for the promotion of democracy.

Each of us returned after the holidays with a supply of mother's cooking. After the first weekly meeting following the holidays, we enjoyed a spread at the home of Margaret Ritchie, at which the alumnae were special guests.

In the midst of all our parties Alpha Psi has acquired a new addition. We are pleased to announce the pledging of Norma Stauffer '18, a resident of Appleton.

Plans are now being made for the erection of the Myra Goodwin Plantz dormitory, to be built this coming spring on the site of the present Smith house dormitory. It is to be of colonial architecture, and modern in all respects.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*This letter lacks date and signature, spelt Panhellenic incorrectly and had the wrong form for dates and some mixed tenses.*]

Born to Mr and Mrs Wilfred Newschwander (Cora Lomas) a son, Dec. 11, 1915.

Helen Jane Waldo, alumna of Kappa Upsilon, was initiated Jan. 14 by Alpha Kappa. Address: 9 E. 32d st. New York, N. Y.

The engagement of Mabel DeWitt '10, Urbana, Ohio, to Mr Robert Maxwell of St. Paul, Minn. has been announced.

Hazel Cass Rosebush spent the Christmas holidays in Alfred, N. Y.

Margaret Killen has been visiting in Hamilton, Ontario for several weeks.

Hilda Mingle, Psi, who teaches in Kaukauna, Wis. is taking music at the Lawrence conservatory of music. She is also a member of the Alumnae club of Appleton.

Vera Cass called upon Mrs. Mecklin and Alpha Omega while in Pittsburgh during the holidays.

ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

We have three new Thetas to present—Mary McKean '10, Agnes Ferguson '17, and Alice Musser '17. Our first initiation was an exciting event of New Year's day. Anne McConnel, Mu, was a visitor.

Since February 1 is the day settled upon by Panhellenic for pledging we have been much interested in our rushing season. Our first real affair was our Installation reception; our second, a luncheon; the third, a stunt party; and the fourth, a formal dancing party on the evening of January 29. Each Tuesday afternoon we entertained informally at the fraternity house, four freshmen at a time. The presence of more than that number at one time made the affair a party, according to Panhellenic rules, and we were allowed but four parties.

Alpha Omega together with the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter celebrated Founders'-day at a luncheon at the Fort Pitt hotel. Hope Davis Mecklin (Mrs. John) presided as toast-mistress introducing the three speakers. We may say here that we are delighted to have our Grand president back with us after her Christmas visit South.

On the afternoon of Saturday, January 22, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi fraternities entertained Kappa Alpha Theta, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta at a delightful *Thé dansant*. Delta Zeta was installed that same week.

It seems a long way to get back to Christmas now, but I want you all to know about our Christmas party. Instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves as usual we decided to each present one to our chapter. As a result Alpha Omega is the richer by a door-plate, a loving-cup, several pictures and cushions, a large "Pitt" banner, some fine china cups and saucers and soup plates and a lemon dish and fork.

30 January 1916

Cecile Boyd

'13 Married Katharine Mulheim to John Foster of Rochester, Pa.

'11 The wedding of Marie Monro to Dr Wade Wright, $\Phi P \Sigma$, Harvard medical school, '14 is to take place in Pittsburgh on Feb. 19 with four Theta bridesmaids in the party.

'14 The engagement of Jane Fisher to Harrison Randall Hunt, $\Sigma A E$, of Conneaut, Ohio, has been announced. Mr Hunt is attending Harvard this year for a Ph.D. degree.

'15 Announcement is made of the engagement of Agnes Willis to Dr Flemming Perrin, instructor of psychology at the University of Pittsburgh.

PERSONALS

(Received too late to classify after chapter letters)

Beta—Maude Showers Myers (Mrs Burton) was a guest at the Dec. meeting of Boston alumnæ.

'09 Eta—The engagement of Emma Weitz to Dr Walter Haldy, Western Reserve university, has been announced.

Iota—Born to Mr and Mrs Harold Smith (Persis Smith) a son, Richard Smith Smith.

Mu—Helen Murray is teaching sociology in the Deaconess training school, 10 Deaconess Road, Boston.

Tau—Born, Dec. 5, a son, Talbot, to Mr and Mrs Robert Taylor Jones (Alice Leone Te Walt) of Urbana, Ill. Address: 606 W. California st.

Upsilon—On Jan. 27 occurred the death from heart failure of Mr C. B. Leonard, father of Ruth (Mrs Donaldson), Emily, and Elva Leonard. Our deepest sympathy goes to these sisters. For many years Mr Leonard has been a very generous supporter of Upsilon and many Thetas have enjoyed the pleasure of his friendship.

Phi—Mr and Mrs H. T. Gilbert announce the marriage of their daughter, Georgiana, to Mr John Strider Hess, Dec. 29. 1915.

Edith Miller Thomlinson (Mrs M. H.) is now living at West Point, N. Y.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Helen Green Cross (Mrs Robert) whose son, Robert, jr. aged twenty months, died Feb. 12.

Psi—Marjorie Gundry Strong is now librarian of the Alexander Hamilton institute, New York city. Address: 542 W. 112th st.

Alpha Beta—Born to Mr and Mrs C. M. Biddle, jr. (Anna Lippincott) on Dec. 8, a son, Samuel Lippincott Biddle.

Dorothea Carter Davis (Mrs Roger) has a son, Jarvis William Davis, born Dec. 8.

Lydia Green Mitchell (Mrs G. Justice) now lives at 5428 B, Angorra Terrace, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mildred G. Hoadley is teaching at Richmond Hill, Staten Island, N. Y.

TORONTO ALUMNÆ

Perhaps instead of the usual tales of house-parties and suppers you would rather hear about the thing which your Canadian chapters have most at heart this year—the war. At present Toronto may be expressed in four S's—Soldiers, Socks and Surgical Supplies. The first appear in all places and on all occasions. One takes a walk, suddenly a band strikes up nearby and a file of soldiers appear from a side street, swinging along with evident gaiety and enjoyment. One goes to college through the park on a zero morning, and sees an animated company taking its physical drill, running round and round the little pavilion in the middle. One comes out from lectures on a spring afternoon and almost walks over khaki figures lying motionless on the hillside. All morning our campus is alive with officers training at the Provisional school of infantry. After four o'clock in the afternoon, our own university men of the Officers' training corps, take their drill, captained and "lieutenanted" by the professors who have not been able to go to the war.

Socks are even more perpetually with us than soldiers—they accompany us to lectures, and we are tempted to lay them down only to scribble a particularly interesting remark of the professor. They make their appearance at bridge parties and help to while away the tedium of dummy. They are the *raison d'être* and whole existence of daily tea-parties. They help to enhance the military atmosphere of a dinner-party with khaki partners and khaki conversation.

But next to soldiers I suppose our university is most interested in surgical supplies, because they mean our own base hospital at Saloniki. Our pride in this is very great and our work to keep it supplied correspondingly so. Every day large rooms in the physics building are filled with energetic and faithful friends of the university, who fold compresses with great care and accuracy, make huge rolls of wadded pads and twist up cratefuls of surgical sponges, vulgarly called "wipes." At all hours of the day enthusiastic undergraduates are dropping in to put in a spare hour of work for our boys. Three times a week our Examination hall is filled, not by the scratching pens of quaking students but the whirl of machines, stitching pyjamas, surgical shirts, comfort bags, pillow slips, surgeons' masks and other hospital things innumerable. Certain faculties make a point of working en masse on certain afternoons, either at the physics building, the Examination hall or their own buildings. Practically all the students

have been canvassed, and are donating a regular monthly contribution which they use to buy their own supplies or give direct to the university fund. Candy sales and chain teas, of course, in aid of this Red Cross work, are very popular.

In every way the university is doing its utmost to help with the war. It is again closing a month earlier to allow the men to go to camp in May, where many of them will enlist. Special lectures are to be held during the summer and fall to allow the medical men to complete their course eight months or so earlier, and supply the great demand for doctors. In some departments such as history, all the staff who are eligible have enlisted and only the senior professor and the women instructors remain. Already over 800 of our men have joined the Canadian expeditionary force, and are at the front, or preparing to go. Of these 31 have already given their lives. Deeply as we sorrow for their loss, we are proud and exultant that they have chosen to lay down their lives fighting bravely for liberty and the right. Our great hope is that we may worthily carry on the struggle.

Mildred Macpherson, Toronto alumnae.

PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ

The Providence alumnae chapter entertained the Boston alumnae chapter at a luncheon in honor of Founders'-day on Saturday, January 22. The luncheon was held at a favorite Chinese-American restaurant in Providence and was enjoyed by about thirty Thetas, representing numerous colleges.

Mrs. A. W. Smith (Ruby H. Green) Phi 1902, Ph.D. Cornell, attended our December meeting held at the home of Alice F. Hildreth, 1911. Dr. Smith was in Providence at that time as guest of the Housewives' league, before which organization she made an address.

'10 Elizabeth Morrison has been appointed an instructor in the Providence, R. I. technical high school.

'10 Lelia Tucker is to take part in the annual Brown alumnae play, Shaw's *Candida*, to be given on Feb. 5.

'13 Elva M. Lake of Albany, N. Y. has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sidney S. Paine (Audrey L. Lake '07) in Providence.

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(See also page 235)

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Woman suffrage, a study outline, is the title of a booklet just prepared by Justina Leavitt Wilson (Mrs. H. W.) Upsilon, in the *Study outline series* being issued from the press of the H. W. Wilson company, White Plains, N. Y.

Mrs. Wilson was one of the leading workers in the recent New York campaign for suffrage, being a very clever and attractive speaker for any cause in which she is interested.

The scope of this guide book to the diverse phases and bibliographies of suffrage may be illustrated by quoting from Mrs. Wilson's *Introductory note*.

"The undaunted suffragist who emerges from a campaign that has deferred but not defeated her cause invariably feels that she might have carried her district or her town if she had only been better prepared for her work. She has the conviction that the larger success of the woman suffrage issue will be directly due to broader suffrage education, not only for herself but for the whole woman population that must be trained up to citizenship.

"It is for suffragists of experience, therefore, no less than for many who are facing or hoping soon to face state campaigns for the first time that this study outline has been prepared. Its scope, from Plato to the present, offers the breadth of view necessary not only for a good perspective but also for deep appreciation of the meaning of the subject."

The subject matter is arranged in outline form, covering suffrage the world over, both historically and as to methods of propaganda. Under each topic are given references which "aim to include the freshest and most illuminating material available."

Whether one is a suffragist, an anti, or just an indifferent woman, this outline is very suggestive as to the evolution of those problems of society grouped under the ambiguous title "the woman's movement."

In *Colliers'* for January 29, 1916, the leading story is *General Merry Sunshine* by Lucille Van Slyke. Mrs. Van Slyke is perhaps better known to Theta as Lucille Baldwin, Chi '02. She is a frequent contributor of stories to monthly magazines and has published two books of short stories.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS REPORT ON COOPERATIVE HOUSE MANAGEMENT AND HOUSE CHAPERONAGE

SIZE OF THE PROBLEM

Inquiries addressed to about seventy colleges and universities show that cooperative house management is feasible in forty of the sixty colleges from which replies have been received. From a study of *Baird's Manual* we are prepared to say that fifteen or twenty colleges and universities may be added to the forty which we have investigated.

The forty colleges and universities reporting show:

1. 1041 organized student group residences, including clubs and fraternities, managed by the group and providing board and lodging.
2. 22,000 students resident therein.
3. An annual expenditure for board and lodging of more than \$5,000,000.

By adding fifteen colleges, on the basis of the averages we have, annual expenditures would be increased to about \$7,000,000. Of this amount \$1,000,000 can be saved annually by cooperative house management. There is no questioning that the size of our problem invites thoughtfulness with a view to action.

DIVISIONS OF COOPERATIVE HOUSE MANAGEMENT

Cooperative house management includes:

- 1.—House Maintenance, with its problems of,
 1. Rent.
 2. Building contracts.
 3. Light.
 4. Fuel.
 5. Water.
 6. Repairs.
 7. Furnishings.

It should be noted that by cooperation, only, can organized student groups combat excessive rentals and that the sound financial condition of such groups, which the Cornell experiment shows can be achieved, will give the groups better position when entering into building contracts.

II.—Food Supply and Catering, which includes:

1. Buying.
2. Storage.
3. Kitchen supervision.
4. Hiring and discharging of servants.

ESSENTIALS OF COOPERATIVE HOUSE MANAGEMENT

I.—Essentials of both House Maintenance and of Food Supply and Catering, are:

1. Prompt collection of board and lodging charges.
2. Simple uniform accountancy.
3. Monthly auditing.
4. Centralized administration.
5. Elimination of waste.

II.—Additional essentials of Food Supply and Catering are:

1. Wholesome food.
2. Wholesale buying, which may include—
 - a. Direct from the farm service.
 - b. Products of university agricultural farms.
 - c. Supplies from university home economics departments.
3. Elimination of waste. This item is repeated to emphasize kitchen supervision. Every student of institutional management knows that the successful manager is one who "sits on the garbage can."

In connection with wholesale buying, two factors are necessary to secure its full possibilities:

- a. Quality.
- b. Credit.

ORGANIZATION

Organization of cooperative house management may be:

I. Local.

1. By strictly commercial interests.
2. By group agreements.
3. By Panhellenics.

II.—National.

1. By strictly commercial interests.
2. By an organization effected by national fraternities, with provision for the admission of local fraternities and clubs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommends that a national organization, perhaps a corporation, be effected by the fraternities, men's and women's, for the purpose of adopting a system of cooperative house management and establishing the same in various colleges and universities.

This plan is recommended because:

1. It insures a return of all savings to the organized student groups, which would not result if the matter is taken over by strictly commercial interests.
2. It secures uniform accountancy. If cooperative management is entrusted to strictly local interests there will be a variety of bookkeeping with attendant difficulties for national officers.
3. It gains the full possibilities of wholesale buying.
4. It lessens the conflict with entrenched retail associations that, at present, harass local cooperative efforts.
5. It marks a positive contribution to a national ideal that is fundamental to a nation's economic progress—thrift.

SUMMARY OF EMPHASIZED FEATURES OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO DATE

(Details of local cooperative efforts will appear in a supplementary report.)

CORNELL

Mr. Wellar, of whose signal achievements at Cornell all fraternity leaders know, emphasizes—

1. Prompt payment of board and lodging charges.
2. Accountancy and auditing.
3. Wholesale buying with discounts.
4. Elimination of waste in
 - a. House maintenance;
 - b. Food supply and catering.
5. Centralized administration.

CALIFORNIA

I.

Mr. Mallum and Mr. Green operated cooperative efforts at the University of California, 1914-1915.

Mr. Mallum and Mr. Green emphasized:

1. Efficiency—
 - a. On the part of house managers.
 - b. Touching collections.
 - c. In keeping records.
2. Reduction of overhead charges.

II.

Mr. Rehorn and Mr. Reed are conducting a cooperative plan at the University of California during the present year.

Mr. Rehorn and Mr. Reed emphasize:

1. Prompt collection of board and lodging charges.
2. Accountancy.

3. Wholesale buying.
4. Centralized administration.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

A proposal from the University of Missouri, relating only to food supply and catering, emphasizes:

1. Prompt payment of board and lodging charges.
2. Wholesale buying.
3. Uniform accountancy.

A cooperative effort at the University of Nebraska, 1914-1915, provided only for discounts on retail purchasing. The same result is this year sought, under quite a different plan, at Syracuse University.

Some cooperation has been attempted at Michigan and is being urged at the University of Kansas. Chicago and Minnesota have, also, been centers of agitation.

THE FELLOWSHIP PLAN OF CHAPTER HOUSE CHAPERONAGE

A study of 110 chaperons in twelve universities gives the following results:

- 12 chaperons between the ages of 25-30.
- 4 chaperons between the ages of 30-35.
- 8 chaperons between the ages of 35-40.
- 12 chaperons between the ages of 40-45.
- 28 chaperons between the ages of 45-50.
- 18 chaperons between the ages of 50-55.
- 21 chaperons between the ages of 55-60.
- 6 chaperons between the ages of 60-65.
- 1 chaperon aged 70.
- 89 chaperons without academic training.
- 2 chaperons had attended girls' schools.
- 2 chaperons had college training but not degrees.
- 11 chaperons had Bachelor degrees.
- 1 chaperon was a graduate of Boston Conservatory.
- 1 chaperon held the degree of Doctor of Medicine.
- 1 chaperon was a normal school graduate.
- 3 chaperons held degrees of some kind.

10 chaperons took college work for credit.

10 chaperons visited classes.

1 chaperon was a college instructor.

1 chaperon taught in city schools.

1 chaperon sewed for the girls.

1 chaperon worked in the city.

5 chaperons acted as house managers.

81 chaperons did nothing.

The fellowship plan proposes supplanting these elderly, idle chaperons by younger women who will do graduate work or work in a professional department of the university.

The size of the contribution to the cause of fitting women for economic independence, which the fellowship-plan includes, is suggested in the fact that if all women's fraternities adopted the plan, two hundred fraternity houses would be open to it.

To the holder of the fellowship the plan offers home, with probably tuition, or traveling expenses, or a small stipend. The value of the opportunity may be fairly estimated at \$400 annually for each holder of a fellowship. If 200 fraternity houses adopted the plan the total annual value of the opportunities for graduate work or professional training would be \$80,000, which equals 5 per cent on an endowment of \$1,600,000. A dean of women, commenting on this phase of the proposal, said: "If Carnegie were to set aside such a sum for the education of women, the fact would be heralded over the entire country."

The fellowship plan requires that house control be on the student self-government basis, establishing personal responsibility for personal conduct in the place of the protection for indiscretion which the old plan affords.

The fellowship plan, as being tried, proposes:

1. That the resident fellowship scholar be at least twenty-five years of age.
2. That the maximum number of hours of university work be ten.
3. That the resident fellowship-scholar have a semi-monthly conference with such university official as the university may designate, on administrative problems.

The plan—

1. Makes magnificent contribution to the cause for larger vocational opportunities for women.
2. Requires personal responsibility for personal conduct on the part of each member of the group.
3. Creates a channel, through the proposed conferences, for increasing the administrative efficiency of the university.

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NOTES

There have been calls recently for advice on the vocations of dietician and interior decorator. Is any alumna ready to advise along either of these lines?

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And that Miss Clara E. Fanning, 1107 Harmon place, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is in charge of the Theta information bureau for alumnae any question concerning the fraternity she can answer.

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